

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Groundfish Committee

I. STATUS

- A. Meetings: The Groundfish Committee met on June 4, 2015 to discuss ongoing groundfish actions and management. The Groundfish Plan Development Team (PDT) held meetings on May 12 and 28, 2015.
- B. Amendment 18 – Accumulation Limits/Fleet Diversity: The Council submitted A18 to GARFO for preliminary review on May 21, 2015. The public hearing schedule is in development.
- C. Framework Adjustment 53–Specifications and Management Measures: The final rule for this action was published in the Federal Register on May 1, 2015.
- D. Framework Adjustment 54/ Monkfish Framework Adjustment 9: *See Monkfish Tab 10 for more information and documents.*
- E. Framework Adjustment 55 –Multispecies Specifications: The Council is scheduled to initiate this action at its June meeting. The action would set specifications for all groundfish stocks for FY 2016 – FY 2018, including the three U.S./Canada stocks for FY 2016.
- F. At Sea Monitoring (ASM): The Council is scheduled to discuss at sea monitoring at its June meeting. The Council will potentially discuss changes to the Groundfish FMP to address industry concerns around the feasibility of the existing requirement that sectors assume some of the costs of the ASM program.
- G. Electronic Monitoring Working Group (reports to Council): The Electronic Monitoring Working Group (EMWG) held a meeting on April 8, 2015 and a webinar on May 21, 2015. The working group will provide an update on its progress at the June Council meeting.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. Take final action on Northeast Multispecies Framework Adjustment 54/ Monkfish Framework Adjustment 9.
- B. Initiate Framework Adjustment 55.

III. INFORMATION

- 1. EMWG memo to the Council, June 10, 2015
- 2. Council staff presentation on Groundfish actions (*to be provided*)
- 3. Draft Action Plan for FW 55, June 1, 2015
- 4. Past Actions - ASM
 - a. Groundfish FMP Goals and Objectives -Amendment 16 (A16)
 - b. Monitoring Alternatives from A16, and Monitoring Goals and Objectives and Alternatives -Framework Adjustment 48
- 5. PDT memo to Groundfish Committee re PDT Meeting Report from meeting on May 16, 2012
- 6. PDT memo to Groundfish Committee re PDT Meeting Report from meeting on July 25, 2012
- 7. Summary of analyses conducted to determine at-sea monitoring requirements for multispecies sectors FY 2015, GARFO
- 8. PDT memo to Groundfish Committee re: ASM, June 2, 2015

9. Overview of an analysis of industry costs for ASM (NMFS; *to be provided*)
10. Draft Groundfish Committee Meeting Motions, June 4, 2015 (*to be provided*)
11. Draft Groundfish Committee Meeting Summary, June 4, 2015 (*to be provided*)
12. A18 Action Plan v17, May 15, 2015
13. Groundfish Advisory Panel meeting summary, March 25, 2015
14. Groundfish Committee meeting summary, March 26, 2015
15. Groundfish Catch Reports
16. Correspondence