

U.S. Pre-Transboundary Management Guidance Committee (TMGC)

Industry Advisory Group - Public Meeting

August 28, 2026

Discussion Questions

- Fishery performance and trends:
 - Fishing strategies on Georges Bank (U.S./Canada) in fishing year 2025 and prior years
 - Do you normally fish the eastern or western area or Georges Bank or both areas on the same trip?
 - Do you fish for cod, haddock or both in the eastern area?
 - What time of year do you fish in the eastern area?
 - Do you fish along the boundary of the east/west line?
 - Do you fish for scallops and what trends have you observed for yellowtail flounder?
- Spatial and temporal patterns:
 - Seasonality and current/prior fishing opportunities for haddock and cod
 - Compare/examine spatial and temporal fishery footprint and survey data
 - Yellowtail flounder observations – distribution, abundance, condition
- Regulatory constraints or barriers:
 - Sector-based benefits/constraints (e.g., east to west allocation transfer; lease costs, etc.)
 - Possible improvements to fishing opportunities for U.S. vessels
 - Quota needs for U.S. fishing industry and shoreside businesses
- Decision factors for fishing in the eastern area:
 - How do the factors we have discussed today/above influence decision-making with respect to planning trips in the eastern area?