

Progress Report: 2021 Groundfish Priorities

New England Fishery Management Council

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Council 2021 Priorities

Annual

- Set ABCs/ACLs for half of the groundfish stocks for FY2022 - FY2024 and US/CA stocks for FY2022 [*modified list of stocks; FW63*]
- Adopt additional measures to promote stock rebuilding [*FW63*]
- In consultation with the SSC, revise ABC control rules for Northeast Multispecies stocks [*Multi-year; PDT sub-group formed*]
- Groundfish operational assessments [*cod stocks*] and haddock research track assessments [*Haddock RT January 2022*]
- TRAC/TMGC

Multi-Year

- Begin adjustments to management measures needed as a result of revised understanding of cod stock structure [*Cod workshops*]
- Develop metrics to be used in the review process that will evaluate the monitoring system, as per Amendment 23
- Receive the party/charter limited entry strawman report and decide if an amendment should be initiated [*completed*]



Added default specifications process
[*FW63*]

Atlantic Cod Management Workshops

OBJECTIVES

Based on the new understanding of the biological stock structure of Atlantic cod and outcomes of the Science and Assessment workshops:

1. Identify potential options for management measures.
2. Examine the advantages and disadvantages of the options.
3. Identify socioeconomic impacts that should be evaluated.

SCHEDULE

Setting the Groundwork: Thursday August 12, 1pm-3pm

Gathering Regional Perspectives from Southern New England and Georges Bank East & West: Tuesday August 17, 1pm-3pm

Gathering Regional Perspectives from Gulf of Maine East & West: Thursday August 19, 1pm-3pm

Focusing on Recreational Fishing Perspectives: Thursday, September 9, 2pm-4pm

Evaluating Tradeoffs to Adjusting Management Measures: Monday, September 20 1pm-3pm*