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**2016 Council Priority: Recreational Measure Process**

Council Staff White Paper

*Draft Outline*

- 1) Council priority and problem statement
  - a) Brief overview of recent Council discussion
  - b) Brief overview of recent RAP discussion
- 2) Overview of current recreational measures process
  - a) Gulf of Maine cod and haddock
  - b) Other stocks
- 3) Perspectives on the process
  - a) Council/Groundfish Committee- summary of issues – source: meeting summaries and motions
    - i) What has been addressed
    - ii) What has not been addressed
  - b) RAP – summary of issues from recent meetings – source: meeting summaries
    - i) What has been addressed
    - ii) What has not been addressed
  - c) Council staff
    - i) Review of scientific information
    - ii) Timing
- 4) Approaches to addressing concerns
  - a) Regulatory process – via a Council action
  - b) Outside regulatory process
- 5) Appendices:
  - a) Comparison of recent timing on measures
    - i) Process in 2013
    - ii) Process in 2014
    - iii) Process in 2015
  - b) RAP information
    - i) Specific ideas generated at RAP meeting in January 2015
    - ii) List of questions from the RAP regarding analysis
  - c) History of recreational measures
    - i) Gulf of Maine cod and haddock
    - ii) Other stocks
  - d) Overview of the bioeconomic model
    - i) Recent presentations from SSB
    - ii) Recent data tables on catch and effort
  - e) Correspondence (maybe)