

MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 28, 2013
TO: Groundfish Oversight Committee
Groundfish Advisory Panel
FROM: Terry Stockwell
SUBJECT: **Committee/AP Meeting Materials; March 6, 2013**

1. Please review the attached materials prior to our meeting at the Sheraton Colonial, One Audubon Rd., Wakefield, MA beginning at 9 a.m. These materials will also be used at the Council meeting. Additional materials will be brought to the meeting. The package includes:
 - a. Agenda
 - b. "Status Update: Development of Amendment 18 to the Multispecies FMP." NEFMC staff white paper. February 28, 2013.
 - c. Regulatory Flexibility Act analysis in Framework 48 of the Multispecies FMP. February 26, 2013.
 - d. "Preliminary Potential Sector Contribution Ownership Data." Edited February 25, 2013.
 - e. "Fleet Diversity, Allocation, and Excessive Shares in the Northeast Multispecies Fishery." NEFMC staff white paper. Revised February 11, 2013.
 - f. "2011 Final Report on the Performance of the Northeast Multispecies (Groundfish) Fishery (May 2011-April 2012)." NEFSC/SSB report. December 2012.
 - g. "Summary of Public Comments Received by NEFMC and NERO/NMFS on Amendment 18 to the NE Multispecies FMP." June 11, 2012.
 - h. "NEFMC Workshop on Accumulation Limits and Fleet Diversity." June 9, 2011.
 - i. Correspondence.
2. This will be a joint meeting of the Groundfish Oversight Committee and the Groundfish Advisory Panel (GAP). Because of the number of participants, the GAP Chair will sit at the main table and other GAP members will sit at tables between the main table and the audience.
3. The primary purpose of the meeting is to resume work on the development of Amendment 18 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan.
4. We will also receive and discuss an update from the February meeting of the Transboundary Management Guidance Committee and discuss groundfish fishery priorities for FY 2013, in addition to Amendment 18.
5. Please contact me with your questions.

**Groundfish Oversight Committee
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Sheraton Colonial, One Audubon Rd., Wakefield, MA

Agenda

- 9:00 a.m. Introductions/Approval of Agenda
- 9:15 a.m. Overview of Amendment 18 development to date (*Rachel Feeney*)
- 10:30 a.m. Amendment 18 discussion
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Amendment 18 discussion (continued)
- 3:00 p.m. Update from February meeting of the Transboundary Management Guidance Committee (TMGC) (*Rip Cunningham*)
- 3:30 p.m. Other groundfish management priorities for FY 2013, including modifications to rebuilding plans (*Fiona Hogan*)
- 4:00 p.m. Other business
- 4:30 p.m. CLOSED SESSION. Discussion of Groundfish Advisory Panel and Recreational Advisory Panel membership
- 5:00 p.m. Adjourn