

## **NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

### **Groundfish Committee**

#### **I. STATUS**

- A. Meetings: The Recreational Advisory Panel (RAP) met on January 22, 2015 and developed recommendations for proactive accountability measures (AMs) for Gulf of Maine (GOM) cod and GOM haddock for fishing year (FY) 2015. Due to time constraints, the Groundfish Committee was not able to meet between the RAP and Council meetings and a summary of the RAP will be provided directly to the Council. The Groundfish PDT held a conference call meeting on December 10, 2014.
- B. Report on the Performance of the Northeast Multispecies (Groundfish) Fishery, May 2013 – April 2014: The Council will receive a report from the NEFSC's Social Sciences Branch on FY 2013 groundfish fishery performance.
- C. Framework Adjustment 52 (FW 52) – Revising the Windowpane Flounder Accountability Measures (AMs): NMFS published the final rule implementing FW 52 on January 14, 2015.
- D. Framework Adjustment 53 – Specifications and Management Measures: In November 2014, the Council took final action on this framework. The preliminary submission of FW 53 to NMFS was made on January 16.

#### **II. COUNCIL ACTION**

- A. Develop recommendations for proactive AMs for GOM cod and GOM haddock for FY 2015.

#### **III. INFORMATION**

- 1. Council staff presentation- Potential GOM cod and GOM haddock proactive AMs for FY 2015, January 27, 2015 (*to be provided before the Council meeting*)
- 2. Summary tables of recent recreational catch and effort data, January 14, 2015 (NEFSC/SSB)
- 3. Presentation to the RAP, January 22, 2015 - Potential GOM cod and GOM haddock proactive AMs for FY 2015 (NEFSC/SSB)
- 4. Discussion document on methods to reduce recreational discard mortality, January 15, 2015 (NMFS/GARFO)
- 5. RAP meeting motions/recommendations, January 22, 2015 (*to be provided before the Council meeting*)
- 6. RAP meeting summary, September 16, 2014
- 7. Groundfish Committee meeting summary, September 17, 2014 (*to be provided before the Council meeting*)
- 8. Groundfish Committee meeting summary, November 12-13, 2014 (*to be provided before the Council meeting*)
- 9. Report on the Performance of the Northeast Multispecies (Groundfish) Fishery, May 2013 – April 2014 (NEFSC/SSB)
- 10. Presentation - Performance of the Northeast Multispecies (Groundfish) Fishery, FY 2013 (NEFSC/SSB)
- 11. Groundfish Catch Reports
- 12. Correspondence