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Meeting Agenda

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Wednesday, December 3, 2014

- 9:30** Introductions, announcements, review of agenda
- 9:45** Update of RFP for groundfish research (Council staff)
- 10:00** Update of on-going cooperative research projects (John Hoey)
- 10:30** Brief overview of recent management decisions regarding Georges Bank yellowtail flounder sub-ACLs and AMs in the small-mesh whiting and squid fisheries (Maria Jacob)
- 10:45** Presentation on final report: "Large Mesh [Belly] Panel in Small Mesh Fisheries as a Method to Reduce Yellowtail Flounder Bycatch in Southeast Georges Bank." – Final report. (Emerson Hasbrouck)
Discussion of report (Q&A)
- 11:30** Presentation on "Large Mesh [Belly] Panel in Small Mesh Fisheries as a Method to Reduce Yellowtail Flounder Bycatch in Cultivator Shoals" – Draft report (Emerson Hasbrouck)
Discussion of report (Q&A)
- 12:15 p.m.** Lunch Break
- 1:15** Research Set-Aside: discussion of possible improvements (Maria Jacob)
- 2:15** MREP Workshop by Gulf of Maine Research Institute (Maria Jacob)
Methods to improve collaborative research and discussions between industry members, scientists, and managers
- 3:00** Other business/adjourn

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