



New England Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 27, 2016
TO: Groundfish Advisory Panel
FROM: Terry Stockwell, Groundfish Committee Chairman
SUBJECT: Groundfish Advisory Panel meeting on Nov. 1, 2016

There will be a Groundfish Committee meeting at the Radisson Airport Hotel, Warwick, RI on Tuesday, Nov. 1, starting at 10 a.m.

Purpose. The purpose of the Advisory Panel meeting is to 1) discuss draft measures and draft impact analysis and make recommendation to the Groundfish Committee for Framework Adjustment 56 (FW 56) – specifications and management measures, and 3) other business, as necessary.

Meeting Materials. Paper copies of the documents listed below will be provided at the meeting. A PDF of each document is posted to www.nefmc.org. Staff will provide copies of any additional meeting materials that are not included in this package. If you have any questions about the documents, please contact Jamie Cournane (jcournane@nefmc.org; 978-465-0492 ext. 103).

1. Meeting memo (this document)
2. Agenda
3. Framework Adjustment 56
 - a. Draft action plan for FW 56 version 3, Oct. 27, 2016
 - b. Draft FW 56 alternatives for consideration, Oct. 27, 2016
 - c. Draft PDT memo to the Groundfish Committee re development of alternatives for FW 56 and sub-component analysis, version 1, Oct. 28, 2016
 - d. Draft impact analysis for FW 56, Oct. 31, 2016
 - e. Presentation: PDT report regarding FW 56, Council staff (*to be provided*)
4. Past meeting summaries
 - a. Groundfish Committee meeting motions, Oct. 2 2016
5. Correspondence

To make the most of our meeting time on Nov. 1, you are encouraged to prepare motions in advance and either bring them to the meeting or send them to Jamie Cournane (jcournane@nefmc.org).

Framework Adjustment 56

Recent Activity: The PDT met on Oct. 26, 2016 to continue the development of draft alternatives for this action and draft impacts analysis, following the Committee's recommendations from its October 2016 meeting (Doc. 4a).

Next Steps: On Nov. 1, Council staff will present an overview of the draft alternatives, PDT work to date, and other relevant information (Docs. 3a-3e). After reviewing the information provided, the Advisors may wish to make recommendations to the Groundfish Committee.

Final action by the Council is scheduled for November 2016 (most of the action) and January 2017 (witch flounder specifications).