



New England Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 31, 2018
TO: Groundfish Advisory Panel
FROM: Terry Stockwell, Groundfish Committee Chairman
SUBJECT: **Groundfish Advisory Panel meeting on November 8, 2018**

There will be a **Groundfish Advisory Panel** meeting at the **DoubleTree by Hilton, Danvers, MA** on **Thursday, November 8, starting at 8:30 am.**

Purpose. The purpose of the Advisory Panel meeting is to discuss and make recommendations to the Groundfish Committee on: (1) draft alternatives and analysis in Framework Adjustment 58: Specifications/Management Measures, (2) possible groundfish priorities for 2019 for the Council, 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 and agenda (this memo)
2. Presentation: Council staff (*to be provided*)
3. Framework Adjustment 58: Specifications and Management Measures
 - a. Draft alternatives
 - b. Memo from Groundfish PDT to Committee re analysis for Framework Adjustment 58
4. Background for 2019 Priorities Discussion
 - a. Memo from Groundfish PDT Chair to Committee on peer review of PDT analysis for Amendment 23
 - b. Memo from Groundfish PDT to Committee on joint PDT/AP/Committee meeting planning for Amendment 23
5. Meeting Summaries
 - a. Groundfish Advisory Panel meeting summary, Sept. 18, 2018

- b. Groundfish Committee meeting summary, Sept. 18, 2018
- 6. Correspondence

Meetings Topics. The following section outlines the meeting expected outcomes and future related meetings by discussion topic.

Framework Adjustment 58: Specifications and Management Measures

Council staff will provide an overview of the draft alternatives and Plan Development Team (PDT) analysis (Docs. 2, 3a-3b). The Advisors may wish to make recommendations on preferred alternatives to the Committee.

Possible Priorities for 2019

The Advisors may wish to develop recommendations to the Committee regarding priorities for 2019. Some background materials are provided (Docs. 4a-4b).

After the Meeting

The Committee will discuss Framework Adjustment 58 and possible priorities for 2019 immediately following the GAP meeting on Nov. 8, 2018. The Council will discuss these items at its December 2018 meeting.

Drafting Motions. You are encouraged to prepare motions in advance and either bring them to the meeting or send them to Jamie Cournane (jcournane@nefmc.org).



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AGENDA

**GROUND FISH ADVISORY PANEL
NOVEMBER 8, 2018**

**DoubleTree by Hilton
50 Ferncroft Road
Danvers, MA 01923
Phone: (978) 777-2500**

- 8:30 am Opening remarks and agenda review.....(*Martens*)
- 8:40 am Framework Adjustment 58 (*Martens/Cournane*)
 - Discuss draft alternatives and Plan Development Team analysis including:
 - 1) Rebuilding plan options for several groundfish stocks,
 - 2) 2019 total allowable catches for U.S./Canada stocks of Eastern Georges Bank (GB) cod, Eastern GB haddock, and GB yellowtail flounder,
 - 3) Minimum size exemptions for vessels fishing in Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization waters, and
 - 4) Temporary change to scallop fishery accountability measure policy for GB yellowtail flounder for fishing years 2019 and 2020
 - Make recommendations on preferred alternatives to the Groundfish Committee
- 11:00 am Council’s Groundfish Priorities for 2019 (*Martens/Cournane*)
 - Discuss possible groundfish priorities for 2019, and
 - Make recommendations to the Groundfish Committee
- 11:45 am Other business.....(*Martens*)
- 12:15 pm Adjourn

*The Groundfish Committee meeting will commence at 1:30 pm in the same room.
The Advisors are encouraged to remain for the Committee meeting.*