



## New England Fishery Management Council

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### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 8, 2019  
**TO:** Groundfish Committee  
**FROM:** Terry Stockwell, Groundfish Committee Chairman  
**SUBJECT:** **Groundfish Committee meeting on January 15, 2019**

There will be a **Groundfish Committee** meeting at the **DoubleTree by Hilton, Danvers, MA** on **Tuesday, January 15, starting at 10:00 am.**

**Purpose.** The purpose of the Committee meeting is to discuss and make recommendations to the Council on: (1) the draft alternatives for Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring, (2) a proposal for a new groundfish sector, (3) the draft outline for the Groundfish Catch Share Review report, (4) 2019 research priorities, and (5) other business as necessary.

*Due to the partial federal government shutdown, NOAA staff are on furlough and unable to complete the work for recreational management measures in time for the Recreational Advisory Panel (RAP) and Groundfish Committee meetings. Therefore, we postponed recreational discussions and will work to reschedule meetings quickly once the shutdown ends. Although the RAP meeting is canceled for January 15, the Groundfish Committee meeting will still take place, starting at the revised time of 10am.*

**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](http://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](mailto:jcournane@nefmc.org) ; 978-465-0492 ext. 103).

1. Meeting memo and agenda (this memo)
2. Presentation: Council staff (*to be provided*)
3. Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring
  - a. Draft alternatives
  - b. Memo from Council Staff to Committee re follow-up on A23 draft alternatives
4. Proposal for a new groundfish sector
  - a. New Groundfish Sector, Mooncusser, Proposal
  - b. Letter from Pentony to Nies re new sector proposal for fishing year 2019
  - c. Memo from PDT to Committee re new groundfish sector, Mooncusser, proposal

5. Draft outline for Groundfish Catch Share Review
6. List of Council's Research Priorities
7. Meeting Summaries
  - a. Groundfish Advisory Panel meeting summary, Nov. 8, 2018
  - b. Groundfish Committee meeting summary, Nov. 8, 2018
8. Correspondence

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

#### **Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring**

Council staff will provide a follow-up on the draft alternatives (Docs. 3a-3b). The Committee may wish to make recommendations on the draft alternatives.

#### **Proposal for a New Groundfish Sector**

GARFO/Council staff will provide an overview of a proposal for a new groundfish sector (Docs. 4a-4c). The Committee may wish to provide a recommendation to the Council on the possible approval of a new groundfish sector.

#### **Groundfish Catch Share Review**

The Committee may wish to develop recommendations to the Council regarding the draft outline for the Groundfish Catch Share Review Report (Doc. 5).

#### **Council's Research Priorities**

The Committee may wish to develop recommendations to the Council regarding research priorities for 2019 (Doc. 6).

#### **After the Meeting**

The Council is expected to discuss these topics at its January meeting. Research priorities, however, will be discussed at the April Council 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](mailto:jcournane@nefmc.org)).



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### AGENDA

#### GROUND FISH COMMITTEE January 15, 2019

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

- 10:00 am Opening remarks and agenda review ..... (Stockwell)
- 10:15 am Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring .....(Stockwell/Cournane/Frede)
- Continue to develop the draft alternatives, and
  - Provide recommendations to the Council, as appropriate.
- 12:30 pm *Lunch*
- 1:45 pm Proposal for a new groundfish sector ..... (Stockwell/GARFO staff/Cournane)
- Receive an overview of the proposal, and
  - Provide a recommendation to the Council on the possible approval of a new groundfish sector.
- 2:45 pm Groundfish Catch Share Review ..... (Stockwell/Cournane)
- Discuss the draft outline for the groundfish catch share review report, and
  - Provide recommendations to the Council, as appropriate.
- 3:45 pm 2019 Research Priorities ..... (Stockwell/Cournane)
- Receive an overview of the new research priorities process and discuss if any changes should be made to the Council’s research priorities for groundfish, and
  - Develop recommendations to the Council, as appropriate.
- 4:15 pm Other business ..... (Stockwell)
- 4:30 pm *Adjourn*

*Times listed next to agenda items are estimates and subject to change.*