



New England Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 13, 2019
TO: Groundfish Committee, Groundfish Advisory Panel and Groundfish Plan Development Team
FROM: Terry Stockwell, Groundfish Committee Chairman
SUBJECT: **Joint Groundfish Committee, AP, and PDT meeting, May 20-21, 2019**

There is a joint two-day meeting of the **Groundfish Committee** (Committee), **Groundfish Advisory Panel** (GAP), and **Groundfish Plan Development Team** (PDT) at the **DoubleTree by Hilton, South Portland, Maine** on **Monday, May 20, starting at 1:30 pm** and on **Tuesday, May 21 starting at 9 am**. *Day 1 (May 20) will be a joint meeting of the Committee, GAP, and PDT. Day 2 (May 21) will be a “split day” meeting with the GAP convening in the morning session and the Committee to follow in an afternoon session. The three groups are encouraged to participate in both days.*

Purpose. The purpose of the GAP and Committee meetings is to discuss and make recommendations to the Committee or Council, as appropriate, on: (1) Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring and (2) 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. Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring -
 - a. Groundfish PDT monitoring analyses with presentations, as reviewed by the peer review
 - b. Scientific and Statistical Committee Sub-Panel Peer Review Report on the Groundfish PDT’s Monitoring Analyses
 - c. The Nature Conservancy’s cost evaluation of electronic monitoring prepared by Cap Log Group
 - d. Presentation: Cost evaluation of electronic monitoring, TNC/Cap Log Group
 - e. Draft A23 alternatives, updated by the Groundfish PDT since the April Council meeting
 - f. Memo from PDT to Committee re A23 draft alternatives and tasking
 - g. Dockside Monitoring Discussion Paper, Groundfish PDT, December 20, 2018
4. Correspondence

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

Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring

Day 1 (May 20):

- Review and consider the results of the SSC Sub-Panel review of the PDT analyses of Groundfish Monitoring (Docs. 2, 3a and 3b). *Due to recent high interest, the audio of the peer review is available on the Council's website, <https://www.nefmc.org/library/apr-24-25-2019-ssc-sub-panel-review-of-groundfish-monitoring-analyses-mp3-audio-files>*
- Receive a report and discuss The Nature Conservancy's cost evaluation for electronic monitoring prepared by CapLog Group (Docs. 3c and 3d).

Day 2 (May 21):

- Continue to develop revisions to the draft alternatives as directed by the Council in April, especially the dockside monitoring alternative (Docs. 2, 3e, 3f and 3g), and
- Review and consider progress on PDT analysis tasked by the Committee in April (Docs. 2, 3e, 3f and 3g).

Other Business: Framework Adjustment 59 (to be initiated by the Council)

The Council is expected to initiate Framework Adjustment 59 to include (1) 2020 total allowable catches (TACs) for US/Canada stocks of Eastern Georges Bank (GB) cod, Eastern GB haddock, and GB yellowtail flounder, (2) 2020-2022 specifications for most groundfish stocks, and (3) other management measures. One of the possible other management measures may be the 2019 Council priority to address commercial/recreational allocation issues if raised by new Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) data.

The Advisors/Committee should consider making recommendations to the Committee/Council, as appropriate, on initiating the action.

Next Steps

At the Council meeting on Wednesday, June 12, the Council is expected to address the following:

- Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring: receive SSC report on groundfish monitoring issues; approve range of alternatives for analysis.
- Framework Adjustment 59: initiate the action.

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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**DAY 1: JOINT MEETING - GROUND FISH COMMITTEE, GROUND FISH ADVISORY
PANEL AND GROUND FISH PLAN DEVELOPMENT TEAM
May 20, 2019**

**DoubleTree by Hilton
363 Maine Mall Road
South Portland, Maine 04106
Phone: (207) 775-6161**

- 1:30 pm Opening remarks and agenda review (*Stockwell*)
- 1:45 pm Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring (*Stockwell/Cournane/Frede/SSC Representative*)
- Review and consider the results of the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Sub-Panel review of the Plan Development Team analyses of Groundfish Monitoring (*1:45 pm*)
 - Receive a report and discuss The Nature Conservancy’s cost evaluation for electronic monitoring prepared by CapLog Group, Michael Clayton and Geoff Smith (*5:00 pm*)
- 6:00 pm *Adjourn*



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**DAY 2/SPLIT DAY:
GROUNDFISH ADVISORY PANEL AND GROUNDFISH COMMITTEE
May 21, 2019**

**DoubleTree by Hilton
363 Maine Mall Road
South Portland, Maine 04106
Phone: (207) 775-6161**

GROUNDFISH ADVISORY PANEL

- 9:00 am Opening remarks and agenda review (*Martens*)
- 9:15 am Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring(*Martens/Cournane/Frede*)
 - Continue to develop revisions to the draft alternatives as directed by the Council in April, especially the dockside monitoring alternative,
 - Review and consider progress on PDT analysis tasked by the Committee in April, and
 - Provide recommendations to the Committee, as appropriate.
- 12:00 pm Other business (Framework Adjustment 59, *to be initiated by Council*).. (*Martens/Cournane*)
- 12:15 pm *Lunch*

GROUNDFISH COMMITTEE

- 1:30 pm Opening remarks and agenda review (*Stockwell*)
- 1:45 pm Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring(*Stockwell/Cournane/Frede*)
 - Continue to develop revisions to the draft alternatives as directed by the Council in April, especially the dockside monitoring alternative,
 - Review and consider progress on PDT analysis tasked by the Committee in April,
 - Consider the recommendations of the Advisors, and
 - Provide recommendations to the Council, as appropriate.
- 5:15 pm Other business (Framework Adjustment 59, *to be initiated by Council*) (*Stockwell/Cournane*)
- 5:30 pm *Adjourn*

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