



New England Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 17, 2021
TO: Groundfish Committee
FROM: Rick Bellavance, Groundfish Committee Chairman
SUBJECT: **Meeting on November 30, 2021**

The **Groundfish Committee** meets by **Webinar** on **Tuesday, November 30** starting at **9:30 am**. Check the meeting notice for webinar details or meeting webpage:
<https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/nov-30-2021-groundfish-committee-meeting>

Agenda Topics

1. Framework Adjustment 63/Specifications and Management Measures,
2. Possible 2022 Council priorities for groundfish, and
3. Other business, as necessary.

Meeting Materials

Check the link in your email for the meeting materials or the meeting webpage (listed above). Contact Jamie Cournane (jcournane@nefmc.org; 978-465-0492 ext. 103) with questions about the documents.

1. Meeting overview memo from Groundfish Committee Chair
2. Agenda
3. Framework Adjustment 63/Specifications and Management Measures
 - a. Draft alternatives version 1
 - b. Draft affected environment version 1
 - c. Draft impacts analysis version 1
 - d. 2021 Georges Bank cod and Gulf of Maine cod stock assessment reports and peer review, NEFSC, pre-publication draft
 - e. Memo from Groundfish PDT to Scientific and Statistical Committee re Candidate OFLs and ABCs for Georges Bank cod and Gulf of Maine cod for FY2022-FY2024
 - f. Memo from Groundfish PDT to Scientific and Statistical Committee re OFLs and ABCs for Georges Bank haddock and Gulf of Maine haddock for FY2022, revised version
 - g. Memo from Groundfish PDT to Scientific and Statistical Committee re Candidate OFL and ABC for white hake for FY2022
 - h. Memo from Groundfish PDT to Committee re Framework Adjustment 63 – Georges Bank cod recreational fishery management version 1

- i. Presentation: Council staff
- j. Decision Document for Draft Framework Adjustment 63 version 1
- 4. Memo from Executive Director Nies to Executive Committee re 2022 Council Priorities – Executive Director Recommendations, Nov. 12, 2021
- 5. Meeting Summaries
 - a. Recreational Advisory Panel, Sep. 22, 2021
 - b. Groundfish Advisory Panel, Sep. 22, 2021
 - c. Groundfish Committee, Sep. 23, 2021
 - d. Groundfish Advisory Panel, meeting motions, Nov. 22, 2021
 - e. Recreational Advisory Panel, meeting motions, Nov. 29, 2021
- 6. Correspondence

Meeting Topics

The following section outlines the expected outcomes by meeting topic. Please prepare motions and rationale in advance and send an email to jcournane@nefmc.org

Expected meeting outcomes

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Documents</u>	<u>Presentations/Discussion</u>	<u>Anticipated Motions/Outcomes</u>
<i>Framework Adjustment 63/Specifications and Management Measures</i>	3a-3i, 5d-e	Review recommendations from the Groundfish Advisory Panel and Recreational Advisory Panel. Discuss draft alternatives and draft impacts analysis, and preferred alternatives.	Make recommendations to the Council for final action.
<i>Possible 2022 Council Priorities</i>	4, 5d-e	Review recommendations from the Groundfish Advisory Panel and Recreational Advisory Panel. Discuss the list of possible 2022 Council priorities for groundfish.	Make recommendations to the Council.

Next Steps

The Council meets on December 7-9, 2021. The Council is anticipated to take final action (i.e., selecting preferred alternatives and submitting its proposal to NOAA) on Framework Adjustment 63 and will set 2022 Council priorities.