

Northeast Multispecies (Groundfish)

Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring and Other Items

Council Staff

Groundfish Committee Meeting
January 15, 2019



Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring Timeline

2018	
SEP 24-27	NEFMC – Receives progress report
OCT-NOV	Fishery Data for Stock Assessment Working Group forms recommendations, completes draft report
OCT-NOV	Committee/AP/PDT continue to develop alternatives and analyses
NOV	SSC review of Fishery Data Working Group report
DEC 4-6	NEFMC - Receives progress report
DEC	Committee/AP/PDT continue to develop alternatives and analyses
2019	
JAN 29-31	NEFMC – Receives report from Fishery Data Working Group; SSC provides report on review of Fishery Data Working Group report
FEB	SSC reviews PDT analytical approach to monitoring issues
FEB-MAR	Committee/AP/PDT continue to develop alternatives and analyses
APR 16-18	NEFMC – SSC provides report on review of PDT analyses; Council approves range of alternatives

A23 Purpose and Need Statement

To implement measures to improve reliability and accountability of catch reporting and to ensure a precise and accurate representation of catch (landings and discards).

To improve the accuracy of collected catch data. Accurate catch data are necessary to ensure that catch limits are set at levels that prevent overfishing and to determine when catch limits are exceeded. To create fair and equitable catch reporting requirements for all commercial groundfish fishermen, while maximizing the value of collected catch data and minimizing costs for the fishing industry and the National Marine Fisheries Service.

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- Discuss the range of alternatives for A23, including the PDT's questions on the development of the alternatives, and
- Possibly make recommendations on draft alternatives.

Proposal for a New Groundfish Sector

- Discuss the proposal for a new groundfish sector: *Mooncusser Sector*, and
- Provide a recommendation to the Council on the possible approval of a new groundfish sector.

Groundfish Catch Share Review

- Discuss the draft outline for the Groundfish Catch Share Review report, and
- Develop recommendations to the Council on the draft outline.



Council's Research Priorities

- Discuss the Council's current research priorities, and
- Possibly make recommendations to the Council on 2019 research priorities.