



New England Fishery Management Council

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AGENDA

GROUND FISH COMMITTEE Tuesday, January 26, 2021

By Webinar

- 9:00 am Opening remarks, welcome new members, agenda review (*Alexander*)
- 9:15 am Groundfish Advisory Panel Report (*Martens*)
- 9:30 am Framework Adjustment 61/Specifications and Management Measures
(*Cournane/Frede/Errend*)
- Discuss the last component of the action – a proposed universal sector exemption to allow fishing for redbfish, and
 - Make preferred alternative recommendations to the Council.
- 11:00 am Recreational Advisory Panel Report (*Blount*)
- 11:15 am Fishing year 2021 recreational measures (*Cournane/Steinback*)
- Receive an overview of recent catch and effort data for Gulf of Maine cod and Gulf of Maine haddock, and
 - Discuss and develop recommendations to the Council on fishing year 2021 recreational measures for Gulf of Maine cod and Gulf of Maine haddock.
- 12:00 pm Lunch
- 12:45 pm Limited Entry Party/Charter “Strawman” Proposal (*Joyce/Cournane*)
- Receive a summary of public feedback on developing a strawman proposal for a potential limited entry program for party/charter vessels in the recreational groundfish fishery, and
 - Discuss the proposal and develop recommendations for next steps to the Council.
- 2:15 pm Groundfish Control Rules (*Kerr/Mazur/Cadrin/Cournane*)
Receive an update on work to revise acceptable biological catch (ABC) control rules for groundfish stocks.
- 3:15 pm Atlantic Cod Stock Structure (*Nies/Cournane*)
Receive an update on proposed working groups/workshops.
- 3:45 pm Other business (*Alexander*)
- 4:00 pm Adjourn

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