

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Groundfish Committee

I. STATUS

- A. Meetings: The Groundfish Oversight Committee met on May 17, 2013 in a joint meeting with the Habitat Oversight Committee, and again on June 11, 2013 (see Habitat tab for summaries). The Committee met on June 12 on its own. The Groundfish Advisory Panel met on June 10, 2013. Meeting summaries for the June 10 and 12 meetings will be distributed at a future date. The Groundfish Plan Development Team (PDT) held a conference call on June 17, 2013. The PDT memo for the June 17 meeting will be distributed at a future date.
- B. Amendment 18 - Accumulation Limits/Fleet Diversity: The PDT worked on several analytic tasks assigned by the Committee for this amendment and reported on this work at the June 10 and 12 meetings. With recommendations from the Groundfish Advisory Panel and the PDT analysis in hand, the Committee made recommendations for the Council on whether and how to modify the goals and objectives of the amendment. The Council will consider these revisions to the goals and objectives.
- C. Framework Adjustment 48: NMFS partially approved FW 48. (See April 30 letter from John Bullard to the Council Chair under #10).
- D. FY 2013 Specifications Action/ Framework Adjustment 50: NMFS partially approved Framework 50. Interim Final Rule comments were due on June 17, 2013. (See April 30 letter from John Bullard to the Council Chair under #10).
- E. FY 2013 Emergency Action: The Council requested NMFS take emergency action for white hake and GOM haddock in FY 2013 at the April 2013 meeting. NMFS approved the request for white hake but not for GOM haddock.
- F. Closed Area Technical Team (CATT)/Omnibus EFH Amendment 2: See Habitat Status Report.
- G. Transboundary Management Guidance Committee (TMGC): Staff will discuss options for quota trading this fishing year at the June Council meeting.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. Consider Groundfish Committee recommendations on whether and how to modify the goals and objectives of Amendment 18.
- B. Initiate a Framework action for fishing year 2014 specifications.

III. INFORMATION

- 1. SSB draft report: “Indicators of Fleet Diversity in the New England Groundfish Fishery”
- 2. SSB draft report: “Trends in Groundfish Fishery Concentration, 2007-2013”
- 3. PDT memo regarding groundfish permit banks, June 5, 2013 (revision of June 3 memo)
- 4. Goals and objectives of the Northeast Multispecies FMP
- 5. Groundfish Committee meeting summary, January 24-25, 2013
- 6. Groundfish Committee/Advisory Panel meeting summary, March 6, 2013
- 7. Groundfish Committee meeting summary, April 16-17, 2013
- 8. Presentation: TMCG Quota Trading – to be distributed
- 9. Groundfish Catch Reports
- 10. Correspondence