

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Groundfish Committee

I. STATUS

- A. Meetings: The Plan Development Team met July 29, 2010, and held a conference call on September 1, 2010. A report based on those discussions is attached. The Groundfish Committee met September 9, 2010; a meeting summary is attached.

The Joint Groundfish/Scallop Advisory Panel met on June 7, 2010. The Joint Groundfish/Scallop Committee met August 10, 2010. Meeting summaries are attached.

- B. Transboundary Management Guidance Committee: The TMGC met in St. Andrews, NB, Canada on August 24-25, 2010. Agreement was reached on FY 2011 TACs for Eastern Georges Bank cod and haddock and Georges Bank yellowtail flounder. The Council will consider approval of these TAC recommendations.
- C. Framework 45: A framework was initiated in June to address management issues which may include modifications to the GB yellowtail rebuilding strategy, new status determination criteria for pollock, implementation of additional sectors, a general category scallop dredge exemption in the Great South Channel, and other issues. Final action will be taken on this framework in November. Draft management measures will be reviewed by the Council.
- D. Fleet Diversity and Accumulation Limits: Council staff was directed to develop a white paper on fleet diversity and accumulation limits for consideration by the Groundfish Committee. A draft of the report is attached and will be presented to the Council for discussion. The Council may wish to provide further guidance for the report's development.
- E. Science and Statistical Committee: The SSC met to recommend ABCs for pollock, GB yellowtail flounder, GOM winter flounder, and three index-based stocks. The SSC chair will provide a report as noted on the agenda.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. Forward recommendations of the Joint Groundfish/Scallop Committee to the appropriate committees for further development.
- B. Approve TMGC recommendations for FY 2011 TAC for EGB cod and haddock and GB yellowtail flounder.
- C. Framework 45: Review management alternatives as developed by the Groundfish Oversight Committee.

III. INFORMATION

1. Joint Groundfish/Scallop Committee Meeting Summary, August 10, 2010

2. Joint Groundfish/Scallop Advisory Panel Meeting Summary, July 14, 2010
3. Draft Framework 45 measures, dated September 16, 2010
4. Draft Accumulation Limits White Paper September 15, 2010
5. Groundfish Committee Meeting Summary, June 16, 2010
6. Groundfish Committee Meeting Summary, September 9, 2010
7. Transboundary Management Guidance Committee Guidance Document 2010/01
8. Transboundary resource Assessment Committee Status reports for Easter Georges bank cod (TSR 2010/03), Eastern Georges Bank Haddock (TSR 2010/04), and Georges Bank Yellowtail Flounder (TSR 2010/05)
9. Presentation: July 2010 TRAC Results, Loretta O'Brien, NEFSC
10. Groundfish Plan Development Team Report dated September 3, 2010
11. US/CA Area reports
12. Correspondence