



New England Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 2, 2012
TO: Groundfish Advisory Panel
FROM: Bill Gerencer
SUBJECT: **October 4, 2012 RAP Meeting Materials**

1. Please review the attached materials prior to our meeting at the Holiday Inn, Peabody, MA. Please contact me if you have questions. The package includes:

- Agenda
- Preliminary Council priorities for 2013 (with relevant Council motions attached)
- Draft FW 48 management measures dated October 2, 2012
- FY 2011 catch summary
- Options and Alternatives to Minimize the Effects of Fishing on EFH (Draft, 10 September 2012)
- Groundfish Advisory Panel Meeting Summary from May 22, 2012
- Groundfish Oversight Committee Meeting summaries from August 2, 2012 and September 19, 2012 (draft).
- Correspondence

2. The main purpose of this meeting will be to develop recommendations for commercial measures for FY 2013 and beyond. We will also discuss Council priorities and possible mitigation measures for FY 2013.

3. Council staff will update us on the following issues:

- A proposal that, if approved, would allow sector vessels to fish in parts of the groundfish closed areas;
- The Omnibus Habitat amendment process and consideration of changes to groundfish closed areas

4. The Council will determine 2013 priorities in November. The draft priorities under consideration, and September motions related to those priorities, are attached.

6. Please contact me if you have questions.



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Groundfish Advisory Panel Meeting

Agenda

October 4, 2012

Holiday Inn, Peabody, MA

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| 9:00 a.m. | Introductions/approval of agenda |
| 9:10 a.m. | Briefing on Recreational Advisory Panel Meeting |
| 9:25 a.m. | Overview of FY 2013 ABCs/ACLs (Council staff) (Tom Nies) |
| 10:00 a.m. | Review of draft FW 48 management measures |
| Noon | Lunch |
| 1:15 p.m. | Review of draft FW 48 management measures (continued) |
| 2:30 p.m. | Review of Council priorities for 2013 |
| 3:30 p.m. | Other business
Mitigation measures for anticipated FY 2013 ACLs |
| 4:00 p.m. | Adjourn |