



New England Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 1, 2012
TO: Groundfish Oversight Committee
FROM: Terry Stockwell
SUBJECT: **November 5, 2012 Meeting Materials**

1. Please review the enclosed materials for our meeting at the Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland, ME. Please retain these materials as most are part of your Council binder. The package includes:

1. Agenda
2. Groundfish PDT report dated October 31, 2012 (with attachments)
3. Draft FW 48 measures
4. Groundfish Oversight Committee meeting summary dated October 12, 2012
5. Recreational Advisory Panel meeting summary dated October 3, 2012
6. Groundfish Advisory Panel meeting summary dated October 4, 2012
7. Scallop PDT memos dated October 23, 2012, October 25, 2012, and November 1, 2012
8. Council draft priorities for 2013
9. Brief summary of the Northeast Skate Complex
10. Closed Area Technical Team Progress Report presentation
11. Correspondence

2. Framework 48 is not complete and will not be ready for a final vote at the November Council meeting. A special Council meeting has been scheduled for December 20, 2012.

3. While we do not need to make final decisions on FW 48, we will need to make a recommendation on allocations of GB and SNE/MA yellowtail flounder to the scallop fishery so that Scallop Framework 24 can be moved forward. While not as critical, the Committee may also

want to make a decision for the allocation of SNE/MA windowpane flounder to the scallop fishery. We may also want to make a Committee recommendation on the timing of access to the GB scallop access areas – Scallop Framework 24 is a joint groundfish/scallop action that will consider modifying the dates.

4. The Committee may wish to develop recommendation for Council priorities for 2013. The draft priorities are enclosed.

5. The Groundfish Advisory Panel recommended the Council pursue several mitigation measures for 2013. The Committee will need to decide whether to forward those recommendations to the full Council for action. The GAP report includes recommendations for the following:

- Emergency action to allow the landing of barndoor skates in the Northeast skate wing fishery.
- Emergency action to eliminate the monkfish trip limit in the NFMA for limited access vessels fishing under a groundfish DAS under sector management rules.

6. Please contact me if you have questions.



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**Groundfish Oversight Committee
Agenda
November 5, 2012
Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland, ME**

- 9:00 a.m. Introductions/Approval of Agenda
- 9:10 a.m. Update on CATT Progress
- 9:45 a.m. Review of FW 48
Recreational AM measure development
ASM option development
ABC/ACL sub-components
Yellowtail flounder allocations to the scallop fishery
SNE/MA windowpane flounder sub-ACL for the scallop fishery
- Noon Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Review of FW 48 (cont.)/Scallop FW 24 Issues
Timing of scallop vessel access to GB closed areas
- 2:00 p.m. Groundfish priorities for 2013
- 3:30 p.m. 2013 mitigation measures
- 4:30 p.m. Other business
- 5:00 p.m. Adjourn

