



New England Fishery Management Council

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Meeting Notice GROUND FISH OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, May 30, 2012
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Holiday Inn, 31 Hampshire Street
Mansfield, MA 02048
Phone: (508) 339-2200; Fax: (508) 339-1040

Agenda:

The Groundfish Oversight Committee will meet to discuss several issues related to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan. The Committee will:

- Receive reports from the Groundfish and Recreational Advisory Panels
- Discuss possible adjustments to sector management measures. The Committee will continue to develop options to improve sector monitoring, including both at-sea and dockside monitoring. They may discuss different funding mechanisms, appropriate coverage levels, and full retention of allocated groundfish species.
- Discuss issues related to setting Acceptable Biological Catches (ABCs), Annual Catch Limits (ACLs), and Accountability Measures (AMs). With respect to ABCs/ACLs/AMs, the Committee will consider additional sub-ACLs for the scallop fishery for stocks such as SNE/MAB windowpane flounder and SNE/MA winter flounder. As directed in the letter from the National Marine Fisheries Service approving Framework 47, Committee members will also discuss additional reactive AMs for wolffish, SNE/MA winter flounder, and Atlantic halibut.
- The Committee may begin a discussion of recreational fishing measures for FY 2013.
- Discuss other business, such as issues related to Georges Bank yellowtail flounder management.

Options identified by the Committee will be included in a future management action or actions that will be considered by the Council in the fall of 2012.

Note: If you are submitting written comments for consideration at this meeting, we must receive them by noon on Friday, May 25, 2012 (due to the Monday holiday).

*This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities.
This schedule is subject to change. If you have questions, please call the Council office for final confirmation of meeting times, dates and locations.*

Directions to hotel:

Take I-95 North or South to Exit 7 (Mansfield Route 140). At the second set of lights, take a right onto Forbes Boulevard. Continue straight on this road and it will change to Cabot Boulevard.

From 495 – take Exit 12 (Mansfield Route 140) to the 4th set of lights. Take a left onto Forbes Boulevard which turns into Cabot Boulevard. Stay in the right hand lane to the end of road.

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cc: Council Members, Groundfish & Scallop Interested Parties, Advisors, PDT members

Notice date: 5/11/12