



New England Fishery Management Council

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Meeting Notice GROUNDFISH OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Thursday, August 2, 2012
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Sheraton Harborside
250 Market Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801
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Agenda:

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

- Possible adjustments to sector management measures and issues related to setting Acceptable Biological Catches (ABCs), Annual Catch Limits (ACLs) and Accountability Measures (AMs).
- Options to improve sector monitoring, including both at-sea and dockside, such as funding mechanisms, appropriate coverage levels, full retention of allocated groundfish species, and ACE carry-over provisions.
- 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 may develop options for additional sub-ACLs for fisheries outside the Council's jurisdiction that catch these stocks. Examples of fisheries that may be affected include the fluke and scup fisheries that are managed by the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC) and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC), and the squid fisheries managed by the MAFMC.
- Additional reactive AMs for wolffish, SNE/MA winter flounder and Atlantic halibut.
- Other issues that may be incorporated into the framework such as issues related to Georges Bank yellowtail flounder management.
- A preliminary report on the recent assessments of Eastern Georges Bank cod and haddock, and Georges Bank yellowtail flounder that were conducted by the Transboundary Resource Assessment Committee. The Committee may provide comments for consideration by the Transboundary Management Guidance Committee when it negotiates FY 2013 quotas for these stocks.
- Other business.

Options identified by the Committee will be included in a future management action (Framework Adjustment 48) 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 12 pm EST on Tuesday, July 31, 2012.

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:

From the North - Take Route 95 South to Exit 7. Turn left off the exit onto Market Street and head east to the city. The hotel will be in front of you at the first blinking traffic light.

From the South - Take Route 95 North to Exit 7 southbound. Turn right off the exit and head east to the city. The hotel will be in front of you at the first blinking traffic light.

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cc: Council Members, Groundfish IPs, Advisors, PDT members, Scallop IPs, Advisors, PDT and SSAP

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