



New England Fishery Management Council

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MEETING NOTICE GROUNDFISH OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Monday, November 5, 2012
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Holiday Inn by the Bay
88 Spring Street, Portland, ME 04101
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Agenda:

The Groundfish Oversight Committee will continue development of Framework Adjustment 48 to the Northeast Multispecies FMP. They will:

- Review all options that have been developed and may select preferred alternatives for this action. Measures in the framework include specifications for Fishing Year 2013-2015, additional sub-Annual Catch Limits (including Sub-ACLs for the scallop fishery), measures that address monitoring issues for groundfish sectors, changes to accountability measures (including an AM for SNE/MA windowpane flounder that applies to all large mesh otter trawls), recreational fishing measures (including possible changes to recreational AMs), and measures that would allow limited access to existing year-round groundfish closed areas.
- Review alternatives for modifying the dates the scallop fishery is allowed access to closed areas and develop a recommendation for Council consideration
- Review suggested Council priorities for 2013, and may develop recommendations for those priorities.
- Consider developing possible mitigation measures for the low catch levels expected in Fishing Year 2013, such as recommending the Council pursue measures to increase landings of skates, dogfish, and monkfish.
- Other business may be discussed.

Committee recommendations will be considered by the Council at the November 12-15, 2012 Council meeting in Newport, RI.

Note: If you are submitting comments for Council consideration at this meeting they must be received at the office by 12 p.m. EST on Thursday, November 1, 2012.

*This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities.
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cc: Groundfish, Scallop PDTs and IPs
Notice Date: October 17, 2012

