



New England Fishery Management Council

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**Meeting Notice**  
**GROUND FISH OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

**Date:** Friday, March 28, 2014  
**Time:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Omni Providence Hotel  
1 West Exchange Street  
Providence, RI 02048  
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**Agenda:**

- Amendment 18:
  - Discuss draft alternatives for consideration in Amendment 18 (A18), an amendment to address fleet diversity and accumulation limits in the commercial groundfish fishery.
  - Review of Groundfish Plan Development Team (PDT) analysis with respect to A18 including an examination of: accumulation limits; permit banks; permit holdings data; United States/Canada quota trading for Eastern Georges Bank (EGB) cod, EGB haddock, and Georges Bank yellowtail flounder; Handgear A fishery proposal; and recent spatial and temporal trends in fishing effort and biology of Gulf of Maine cod.
  - Review of additional scoping period comments with respect to A18.
- Framework Adjustment 52:
  - Discuss progress toward developing draft alternatives for Framework Adjustment 52 (FW 52), a narrow and focused framework to revise commercial groundfish fishery accountability measures for Southern windowpane flounder and Northern windowpane flounder stocks.
  - Review PDT analysis with respect to FW 52 including an examination of recent windowpane flounder catches and discards and draft alternatives for consideration.
- Address other business as necessary.

**Note: If you are submitting written comments for consideration at this meeting, we must receive them by noon on March 26, 2014.**

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

Notice date: Friday, March 7, 2014

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