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Council Meeting Agenda | December 20, 2012
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Thursday, December 20, 2012

9:00 a.m. Introductions and Announcements (Chairman Rip Cunningham)

9:05 Groundfish Committee Report (Terry Stockwell)

- Review and select preferred alternatives for inclusion in Framework Adjustment 48 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan. The following issues will be considered:
 - acceptable biological catch and annual catch limits for FY 2013 and beyond;
 - management measures for sector vessels (including measures related to at-sea and dockside monitoring of sector trips);
 - sector vessel access to parts of the year-round closed areas; and
 - changes to the accountability measures for commercial and recreational vessels, gear requirements for small-mesh bottom trawl vessels fishing on Georges Bank and several other issues.

- Review of proposed monitoring requirements for a sector exemption request designed to facilitate targeting of redfish

12:00 p.m. Lunch Break

1:15 Groundfish Committee Report – *continued until meeting adjournment*

4:30 Other Business

5:00 Adjourn

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**** Please note the Groundfish Oversight Committee will be meeting at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, December 19 at this same location. ****