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Council Meeting Agenda
Thursday, January 24, 2008
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8:30 a.m. Introductions and Announcements (Council Chairman John Pappalardo)

8:35 Groundfish Oversight Committee (Rip Cunningham)

Review of multispecies sector development for Amendment 16 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan. During this discussion the Council will review and approve alternatives for calculating the shares that will be allocated to each sector, commonly referred to as the permit history baseline. The Groundfish Committee intends to recommend three alternatives:

- **No Action**: The history associated with each permit joining a sector will be calculated based on landings from the most recent five-year period prior to the sector's implementation. For sectors starting operations on May 1, 2009, NMFS has determined this period will be Fishing Years (FY) 2002 through 2006.
- **Alternative 1**: The history associated with each permit joining a sector will be calculated based on landings during the period FY1996 through FY2006.
- **Alternative 2**: The history associated with each permit joining a sector will be calculated based on two factors that are weighted equally: landings during the period FY1996 through FY2006, and a factor calculated from permit baseline length, horsepower, and allocated days-at-sea.

Subject to the time available, the Council may discuss alternatives for any other groundfish sector policy issue, such as catch monitoring requirements, common exemptions for all sectors, transferability of annual catch entitlements between sectors, or other sector development issues.

12:15 p.m. Lunch Break

1:15 Open Period for Public Comments (Chairman John Pappalardo)

Opportunity for brief comments from the public on items relevant to Council business, but not otherwise listed on the meeting agenda

1:30 Groundfish agenda items - continued until all items have been addressed.

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