

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Groundfish Oversight Committee

I. STATUS

- A. Meeting: The Groundfish Oversight Committee met on December 9, 2013. The Chair will provide a report at the meeting, and copies of the motions will be provided. A meeting summary will be distributed at a future date.
- B. Amendment 18-Accumulation Limits/Fleet Diversity: On December 9th, the Committee discussed if two of the US/CA quota trading alternatives, considered in Framework Adjustment 51 (FW51), could be removed from FW51, and instead be included as alternatives in Amendment 18 (A18). The Committee discussed whether such a change would lead to additional scoping and how the A18 timeline might subsequently change.
- C. Framework Adjustment 51: The PDT drafted the impacts analysis of the alternatives under consideration in FW51. The Committee reviewed the alternatives and impacts analysis at the Committee meeting on December 9th.
- D. Closed Area Technical Team (CATT)/Omnibus EFH Amendment 2: See Habitat Status Report.
- E. Electronic Monitoring Working Group: The Working Group met on December 10, 2013.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. Final action on FW51
- B. Possible removal of two alternatives from FW51 for inclusion in A18

III. INFORMATION

- 1. Draft Framework Adjustment 51, dated December 4, 2013 (additional materials may be brought to the Council meeting)
- 2. Framework Adjustment 51 decision document (to be provided)
- 3. Memo re Scallop FW 25 and Groundfish FW 51 from Scallop PDT to Groundfish PDT, dated December 5, 2013
- 4. Groundfish Oversight Committee meeting summary, November 18-19, 2013
- 5. NMFS, Northeast Multispecies Fishery, Final Year-End Results for FY2012, November 5, 2013
- 6. Groundfish Catch Reports
- 7. Correspondence