

**NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**  
**Groundfish Committee**

**I. STATUS**

- A. Meetings: The Plan Development Team held a conference call on October 19, 2010 to prepare materials for the SSC's review of the GOM winter flounder ABC; the PDT memorandum to the SSC is included with the SSC materials. The Groundfish Committee met October 27, 2010; a meeting summary is attached.
  
- B. Framework 45: A framework was initiated in June to address management issues which may include modifications to the GB yellowtail rebuilding strategy, new status determination criteria for pollock, implementation of additional sectors, a general category scallop dredge exemption in the Great South Channel, and other issues. Final action will be taken on this framework.
  
- C. Science and Statistical Committee: The SSC met to consider a revised ABC for GOM winter flounder, and to recommend the ABC for an additional GB yellowtail flounder rebuilding strategy adopted by the Council in September. The SSC chair will provide a report as noted on the agenda.

**II. COUNCIL ACTION**

- A. Framework 45: Final action. Select proposed management measures.

**III. INFORMATION**

- 1. Draft Framework 45, dated November XXX, 2010
- 2. Groundfish Committee Meeting Summary, October 27, 2010
- 3. US/CA Area reports
- 4. Groundfish catch reports
- 5. Correspondence