

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Groundfish Oversight Committee

I. STATUS

- A. Meetings: The Groundfish Oversight Committee met on November 18 and 19, 2013. A meeting summary will be distributed at a future date. The Groundfish Plan Development Team (PDT) held conference calls on October 22, November 5 and November 13. The PDT also met in person on October 28, 2013.
- B. Amendment 18 - Accumulation Limits/Fleet Diversity: The PDT worked on several analytic tasks assigned by the Committee for this amendment and reported on this work at the Committee meeting on November 18. In addition, Compass Lexecon held a public webinar on the excessive share analysis on October 30, 2013 and the Committee received an update on the analysis at the Committee meeting on November 18, 2013. With recommendations from the Groundfish Advisory Panel and the PDT analysis in hand, the Committee made recommendations for the Council on whether and how to include potential measures in A18. The Council will consider these potential measures.
- C. Framework Adjustment 51: The PDT has been working on the impacts analysis of the alternatives under consideration in FW 51. The Committee reviewed the alternatives and draft PDT analysis at the Committee meeting on November 19. In addition, the PDT revisited the Gulf of Maine haddock FY 2013-2015 ABCs/OFLs, which was reviewed by the SSC on November 15, 2013. The Council will take final action on FW 51 at its December 2013 meeting.
- D. Closed Area Technical Team (CATT)/Omnibus EFH Amendment 2: See Habitat Status Report.
- E. Electronic Monitoring Working Group: The Working Group held a conference call on November 12, 2013.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

Consider Groundfish Committee recommendations on measures to include in Amendment 18.

III. INFORMATION

- 1. PDT memo to Groundfish Committee re A18, November 7, 2013
- 2. NEFSC Social Science Branch Updated Analysis on Ownership Concentration, November 8, 2013
- 3. Groundfish Committee meeting summary, September 17, 2013
- 4. Groundfish Advisory Panel meeting summary, September 16, 2013 (to be distributed)
- 5. NMFS, Northeast Multispecies Fishery, Final Year-End Results for FY2012, November 5, 2013
- 6. Correspondence