



New England Fishery Management Council

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Meeting Notice GROUNDFISH OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, April 18, 2012
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Holiday Inn by the Bay
88 Spring Street, Portland, ME 04101
Phone: (207) 775-2311; Fax: (207) 772-4017.

Agenda:

The Groundfish Oversight Committee will meet to discuss several issues related to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan including:

- Continue development of an action to modify measures that apply to sectors. This discussion is expected to focus primarily on monitoring issues, and may include discussion of ACE carryover provisions and other measures relevant to sector operations.
- Discuss an action to establish acceptable biological catches (ABCs) and annual catch limits (ACLs) for fishing years 2013 and 2014. Setting ABCs/ACLs may require modification of recreational fishing measures and the Committee may discuss this issue.
- May also discuss adopting additional sub-ACLs for the scallop fishery and pursuing the Mixed Stock Exception for SNE/MA windowpane flounder.
- May discuss possible modifications to groundfish closed areas and the recent Endangered Species Act listing of Atlantic Sturgeon.
- Discuss possible modifications to gear stowage requirements.
- Other business.

Note: If you are submitting written comments for consideration at this meeting, we must receive them by noon on Monday, April 16, 2012.

*This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities.
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cc: Council Members, Groundfish Interested Parties, Advisors, PDT members

Notice date: 4/5/12