



New England Fishery Management Council

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Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Meeting

Date: Wednesday, October 26 and Thursday, October 27, 2022

Time: 9:00 a.m. both days

Location: Hilton Garden Inn, Boston Logan
100 Boardman Street
Boston, MA 02128
Phone: (617) 567-6789

Agenda

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will meet to:

- Review information provided by the Council's Groundfish Plan Development Team (PDT), results of the recent management track stock assessments and peer review. Using the Council's acceptable biological catch (ABC) control rules, recommend the overfishing levels (OFL) and the ABCs for each stock for fishing years 2023, 2024 and 2025 for the following stocks: Georges Bank (GB) haddock, Gulf of Maine (GOM) haddock, Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic yellowtail flounder, Cape Cod/GOM yellowtail flounder, GB winter flounder, GOM winter flounder, American plaice, white hake, pollock, and Atlantic halibut, and receive an update on the development of ABC control rule alternatives under consideration for the Northeast Multispecies (Groundfish) Fishery Management Plan;
- Review the information provided by the Council's Monkfish PDT, results of the recent management track stock assessment, and peer review, and recommend the overfishing levels (OFL) and the acceptable biological catches for the northern and southern monkfish management areas for fishing years 2023-2025;
- Recommend an approach for setting the discard deduction from the annual catch target for setting specifications for the monkfish fishery for fishing years 2023-2025;
- Discuss other business if necessary.

Online access:

GoToWebinar link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5522208515876543248> . Pre-registration is recommended. Use VoIP with a microphone and speakers for audio – a headset is recommended.

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If you would like your written comments to be considered at this meeting, they must be received at the NEFMC office by 8 a.m. on **Monday, October 24, 2022**. Please address them to Council Chairman Eric Reid or Executive Director Tom Nies. Email submissions should be sent to comments@nefmc.org.

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Notice date: September 30, 2022

cc: SSC Monkfish and Groundfish IPs