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**Meeting Topics**

The PAC meeting topics may include the following: (1) outcomes of the 2021 annual session of the WCPFC and 2022 sessions of the WCPFC Scientific Committee, Northern Committee, and Technical and Compliance Committee; (2) issues to be considered in the WCPFC 2022 annual session; (3) potential U.S. proposals to the WCPFC 2022 annual session; (4) input and advice from the PAC on issues that may arise at the WCPFC 2022 annual session; (5) potential proposals from other WCPFC members; and (6) other issues.

**Special Accommodations**

The meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Emily Reynolds at 808-725-5039 by October 14, 2022.

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**Kelly Denit,**

*Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Management Track Assessment for Groundfish and Monkfish Stocks**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS and the Assessment Oversight Panel (AOP) will convene the Management Track Assessment Peer Review Meeting for the purpose of reviewing Gulf of Maine and Georges Bank winter flounder, Atlantic halibut, white hake, Gulf of Maine and Georges Bank haddock, northern and southern monkfish, southern New England/mid-Atlantic yellowtail flounder, pollock, and American plaice stocks. The Management Track Assessment Peer Review is a formal scientific peer-review process for evaluating and presenting stock assessment results to managers for fish stocks in the offshore U.S. waters of the northwest Atlantic. Assessments are prepared by the lead stock assessment analyst and reviewed by an independent panel of stock assessment experts called the AOP. The public is invited to attend the presentations and discussions between the review panel and the scientists who have participated in the stock assessment process.

**DATES:** The public portion of the Management Track Assessment Peer Review Meeting will be held from September 19, 2022–September 22, 2022. The meeting will conclude on September 22, 2022 at 5 p.m. eastern standard time. Please see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the daily meeting agenda.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via Google Meet (<https://meet.google.com/hhv-ubdx-pef>).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michele Traver, phone: 508-257-1642; email: [michele.traver@noaa.gov](mailto:michele.traver@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** For further information, please visit the Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) website at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/population-assessments/fishery-stock-assessments-new-england-and-mid-atlantic>. For additional information about the AOP meeting and the stock assessment peer review, please visit the NMFS/NEFSC web page at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/population-assessments/management-track-stock-assessments>.

**Daily Meeting Agenda—Management Track Peer Review Meeting**

The agenda is subject to change; all times are approximate and may be changed at the discretion of the Peer Review Chair.

*Monday, September 19, 2022*

Time	Activity	Lead
9 a.m.–9:15 a.m	Welcome/Logistics, Introductions/Process	Michele Traver, Russ Brown, and Richard Merrick (Chair).
9:15 a.m.–10 a.m	Input Data Changes, Discussion/Questions	Russ Brown, Review Panel.
10 a.m.–11 a.m	Gulf of Maine winter flounder, Discussion/Questions	Paul Nitschke, Review Panel.
11 a.m.–11:15 a.m	Break.	
11:15 a.m.–12:15 p.m	Georges Bank winter flounder, Discussion/Questions	Tony Wood, Review Panel.
12:15 p.m.–12:30 p.m	Discussion/Summary	Review Panel.
12:30 p.m.–12:45 p.m	Public Comment	Public.
12:45 p.m.–1:45 p.m	Lunch.	
1:45 p.m.–2:45 p.m	Atlantic halibut, Discussion/Questions	Dan Hennen, Review Panel.
2:45 p.m.–3:45 p.m	Georges Bank haddock, Discussion/Questions	Liz Brooks, Review Panel.
3:45 p.m.–4 p.m	Break.	
4 p.m.–4:15 p.m	Discussion/Summary	Review Panel.
4:15 p.m.–4:30 p.m	Public Comment	Public.
4:30 p.m	Adjourn.	

*Tuesday, September 20, 2022*

Time	Activity	Lead
9 a.m.–9:05 a.m	Brief Overview and Logistics	Michele Traver/Richard Merrick (Chair).
9:05 a.m.–10:30 a.m	White hake, Discussion/Questions	Kathy Sosebee, Review Panel.
10:30 a.m.–10:45 a.m	Break.	
10:45 a.m.–12 p.m	White hake cont., Discussion/Questions	Kathy Sosebee, Review Panel.
12 p.m.–12:15 p.m	Discussion/Review/Summary	Review Panel.
12:15 p.m.–12:30 p.m	Public Comment	Public.

Time	Activity	Lead
12:30 p.m.–1:30 p.m .....	Lunch.	
1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m .....	Monkfish (north and south), Discussion/Questions .....	Jon Deroba, Review Panel.
3:30 p.m.–3:45 p.m .....	Break.	
3:45 p.m.–4:45 p.m .....	Southern New England/mid-Atlantic yellowtail flounder, Discussion/Questions.	Chris Legault, Review Panel.
4:45 p.m.–5 p.m .....	Discussion/Summary .....	Review Panel.
5 p.m.–5:15 p.m .....	Public Comment .....	Public.
5:15 p.m .....	Adjourn.	

## Wednesday, September 21, 2022

Time	Activity	Lead
9 a.m.–9:05 a.m .....	Brief Overview and Logistics .....	Michele Traver/Richard Merrick (Chair).
9:05 a.m.–10:30 a.m .....	Gulf of Maine haddock, Discussion/Questions .....	Charles Perretti, Review Panel.
10:30 a.m.–10:45 a.m .....	Break.	
10:45 a.m.–12 p.m .....	Gulf of Maine haddock cont., Discussion/Questions .....	Charles Perretti, Review Panel.
12 p.m.–12:15 p.m .....	Discussion/Summary .....	Review Panel.
12:15 p.m.–12:30 p.m .....	Public Comment .....	Public.
12:30 p.m.–1:30 p.m .....	Lunch.	
1:30 p.m.–3:30 p.m .....	Pollock, Discussion/Questions .....	Brian Linton, Review Panel.
3:30 p.m.–3:45 p.m .....	Break.	
3:45 p.m.–4:45 p.m .....	Pollock cont., Discussion/Questions .....	Brian Linton, Review Panel.
4:45 p.m.–5 p.m .....	Discussion/Summary .....	Review Panel.
5 p.m.–5:15 p.m .....	Public Comment .....	Public.
5:15 p.m .....	Adjourn.	

## Thursday, September 22, 2022

Time	Activity	Lead
9:30 a.m.–9:35 a.m .....	Brief Overview and Logistics .....	Michele Traver/Richard Merrick (Chair).
9:35 a.m.–11 a.m .....	American plaice, Discussion/Questions .....	Larry Alade, Review Panel.
11 a.m.–11:15 a.m .....	Discussion/Summary .....	Review Panel.
11:15 a.m.–11:30 a.m .....	Public Comment .....	Public.
11:30 a.m.–12 p.m .....	Key Points/Follow ups .....	Review Panel.
12 p.m.–1 p.m .....	Break.	
1 p.m.–5 p.m .....	Report Writing .....	Review Panel.
5:15 p.m .....	Adjourn.	

The meeting is open to the public; however, during the 'Report Writing' session on Thursday, September 22nd, the public should not engage in discussion with the Peer Review Panel.

**Special Accommodations**

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Special requests should be directed to Michele Traver, via email.

Dated: September 6, 2022.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement on Modifications to the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan To Reduce Mortality and Serious Injury of Large Whales in Commercial Trap/Pot and Gillnet Fisheries Along the U.S. East Coast**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement, request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be prepared in accordance with the

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to analyze the impacts to the environment of alternatives to amend the Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan (Plan). The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) intends to begin a rulemaking process to amend the Plan to further reduce the risk of mortalities and serious injuries of North Atlantic right whales (*Eubalaena glacialis*) and other large whales caused by incidental entanglement in commercial trap/pot and gillnet fisheries along the U.S. East Coast. This notice is necessary to inform the public of NMFS's intent to prepare this EIS and to provide the public with an opportunity to provide input for NMFS's consideration.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by October 11, 2022.

*Public Hearing:* In addition to presentations at New England and Mid Atlantic Fishery Management Council Meetings in September and October