



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Research Track Assessment for Atlantic Cod

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: NMFS will convene the Research Track Assessment Peer Review Meeting for the purpose of reviewing the Atlantic cod stocks western Gulf of Maine, eastern Gulf of Maine, southern New England, Georges Bank. The Research 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 research track working group and reviewed by an independent panel of independent stock assessment experts. 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 Research Track Assessment Peer Review Meeting will be held from July 31, 2023 – August 3, 2023. The meeting will conclude on August 3, 2023, at 4:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Please see **SUPPLEMENTARY**

INFORMATION for the daily meeting agenda.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via WebEx <https://noaanmfs-meets.webex.com/noaanmfs-meets/j.php?MTID=m35f7a63c1ebaa546af3e814f1a269e1d>

Meeting number (access code): 2762 857 0886

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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 research track assessment peer review, please visit the NEFSC webpage at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/event/atlantic-cod-2023-research-track-peer-review>

Daily Meeting Agenda – Research 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, July 31, 2023

Time	Topic	Presenter(s)	Notes
12:00 p.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Welcome/Logistics Introductions/Agenda /Conduct of Meeting	Michele Traver, Assessment Process Lead Russ Brown, PopDy Branch Chief JJ Maguire, Panel Chair	
12:15 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Introduction and Overview	Lisa Kerr (WG Chair)	

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12:45 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.	Term of Reference (TOR) #9	Lisa Kerr/Rich McBride	
1:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	TOR #1	Scott Large/Jamie Behan	Ecosystems
2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Break		
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	TOR #2	Charles Perretti/Kathy Sosebee	Catch
	Discussion/Summary	Review Panel	
	Public Comment	Public	
5:15 p.m.	Adjourn		

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Time	Topic	Presenter(s)	Notes
12:00 p.m. - 12:05 p.m.	Welcome/Logistics	Michele Traver, Assessment Process Lead JJ Maguire, Panel Chair	
12:05 p.m. - 1:45 p.m.	TOR #3	Lisa Kerr	Survey Data
1:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	TORs #4-6 and #8	Charles Perretti	WGOM - Models, BRPs, Projections,

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			and Alternative Assessment Plan
2:45 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.	Break		
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	TORs #4-6 and #8 cont.	Charles Perretti	WGOM - Models, BRPs, Projections, and Alternative Assessment Plan
4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Discussion/Summary	Review Panel	
4:30 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	Public Comment	Public	
4:45 p.m.	Adjourn		

Wednesday, August 2, 2023

Time	Topic	Presenter(s)	Notes
12:00 p.m. - 12:05 p.m.	Welcome/Logistics	Michele Traver, Assessment Process Lead JJ Maguire, Panel Chair	
12:05 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	TORs #4-6 and #8	Amanda Hart	GB - Models, BRPs, Projections, and Alternative Assessment Plan
2:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.	Break		

Time	Topic	Presenter(s)	Notes
2:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.	TORs #4-6 and #8	Alex Hansell and Steve Cadrin	SNE - Models, BRPs, Projections, and Alternative Assessment Plan
4:15 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.	Discussion/Summary	Review Panel	
4:45 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.	Public Comment	Public	
5:00 p.m.	Adjourn		

Thursday, August 3, 2023

Time	Topic	Presenter(s)	Notes
12:00 p.m. - 12:05 p.m.	Welcome/Logistics	Michele Traver, Assessment Process Lead JJ Maguire, Panel Chair	
12:05 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	TORs #4-6 and #8	Micah Dean	EGOM - Models, BRPs, Projections, and Alternative Assessment Plan
2:00 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.	Break		
2:15 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.	TOR #7	Lisa Kerr	Research Recommendations
3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.	Panel Wrap-up and Discussion/Summary	Review Panel	

Time	Topic	Presenter(s)	Notes
4:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.	Public Comment	Public	
4:30 p.m.	Adjourn		

The meeting is open to the public; however, during the ‘Report Writing’ session 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 Alexander Dunn, via email alexander.dunn@NOAA.gov .

Dated: July 14, 2023.

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