



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Management Track Assessment for Acadian Redfish, White Hake, Georges Bank Winter Flounder, Cape Cod/Gulf of Maine Yellowtail Flounder, and Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic Yellowtail Flounder; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: NMFS will convene the Management Track Assessment Peer Review Meeting for the purpose of reviewing Acadian redfish, white hake, Georges Bank winter flounder, Cape Cod/Gulf of Maine yellowtail flounder, and Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic yellowtail flounder 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 scientist and reviewed by an independent panel of 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 Management Track Assessment Peer Review Meeting will be held from September 15, 2025 – September 18, 2025. The public portion of the meeting will conclude on September 18, 2025 at 12 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Please see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the daily meeting agenda.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Room 104 and Room 105 of the Candle

House at the Marine Biological Laboratory, 127 Water St, Woods Hole, MA 02543 and virtually using this Google Meet link: <https://meet.google.com/ucu-vwrf-veq>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Hooper, 508-258-9580; brian.hooper@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For further information, please visit the 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 management track assessment peer review, please visit the NEFSC webpage at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/population-assessments/management-track-stock-assessments>.

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, September 15, 2025

Time	Stock	Subject	Presenter
9 a.m.		Welcome/Logistics Conduct of Meeting	Brian Hooper Kristan Blackhart Edward Camp, Chair
9:15 a.m.	White Hake	Terms of Reference (TOR) Review & Panel Questions	Charles Adams Panel
11:15 a.m.		Break	
11:30 a.m.	White Hake	Public Comment	Panel
11:45 a.m.	White Hake	Panel Deliberations	Panel

12:30 p.m.	White Hake	Panel Conclusions / Recommendations and Final Stock Wrap Up	Panel
1 p.m.		Lunch	
2 p.m.		Overview of the Woods Hole Assessment Model (WHAM)	Jonathan Deroba
3 p.m.	Georges Bank Yellowtail Flounder	TOR Review & Panel Questions	Alex Hansell Panel
4 p.m.	Georges Bank Yellowtail Flounder	Public Comment	Public
4:15 p.m.		Break	
4:30 p.m.	Georges Bank Yellowtail Flounder	Panel Deliberations	Panel
4:45 p.m.	Georges Bank Yellowtail Flounder	Panel Conclusions / Recommendations and Final Stock Wrap Up	Panel
5 p.m.		Adjourn	

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

Time	Stock	Subject	Presenter
9 a.m.		Welcome/Logistics	Brian Hooper Edward Camp, Chair
9:05 a.m.	Acadian Redfish	TOR Review & Panel Questions	Brian Linton Panel

10:45 a.m.		Break	
11 a.m.	Acadian Redfish	TOR Review & Panel Questions, continued	Brian Linton Panel
12:30 p.m.		Lunch	
1:30 p.m.	Acadian Redfish	TOR Review & Panel Questions, continued	Brian Linton Panel
2:45 p.m.	Acadian Redfish	Public Comment	Public
3 p.m.		Break	
3:15 p.m.	Acadian Redfish	Panel Deliberations	Panel
4:15 p.m.	Acadian Redfish	Panel Conclusions / Recommendations and Final Stock Wrap Up	Panel
5 p.m.		Adjourn	

Wednesday, September 17, 2025

Time	Stock	Subject	Presenter
9 a.m.		Welcome/Logistics	Brian Hooper Edward Camp, Chair
9:05 a.m.	Georges Bank Winter Flounder	TOR Review & Panel Questions	Alex Hansell Panel
10:45 a.m.		Break	
11 a.m.	Georges Bank Winter Flounder	TOR Review & Panel Questions, continued	Alex Hansell Panel

12:30 p.m.		Lunch	
1:30 p.m.	Georges Bank Winter Flounder	Public Comment	Public
1:45 p.m.	Georges Bank Winter Flounder	Panel Deliberations	Panel
2:45 p.m.	Georges Bank Winter Flounder	Panel Conclusions / Recommendations and Final Stock Wrap Up	Panel
3 p.m.		Break	
3:15 p.m.		Closed panel writing session	
5 p.m.		Adjourn	

Thursday, September 18, 2025

Time	Stock	Subject	Presenter
9 a.m.		Welcome/Logistics	Brian Hooper Edward Camp, Chair
9:05 a.m.	Southern New England- Mid Atlantic Yellowtail Flounder	TOR Review & Panel Questions	Cameron Hodgdon Panel
9:30 a.m.	Southern New England- Mid Atlantic Yellowtail Flounder	Public Comment	Public

9:40 a.m.	Southern New England- Mid Atlantic Yellowtail Flounder	Panel Deliberations	Panel
9:55 a.m.	Southern New England- Mid Atlantic Yellowtail Flounder	Panel Conclusions / Recommendations and Final Stock Wrap Up	Panel
10:05 p.m.	Cape Cod/Gulf of Maine Yellowtail Flounder	TOR Review & Panel Questions, continued	Larry Alade Panel
10:30 a.m.	Cape Cod/Gulf of Maine Yellowtail Flounder	Public Comment	Public
10:40 a.m.	Cape Cod/Gulf of Maine Yellowtail Flounder	Panel Deliberations	Panel
10:55 pm	Cape Cod/Gulf of Maine Yellowtail Flounder	Panel Conclusions / Recommendations and Final Stock Wrap Up	Panel
11:05 p.m.	All stocks	Final Meeting Wrap Up, if needed	Panel
12 p.m.		Lunch	
1 pm		Closed panel writing session	Panel
3 p.m.		Adjourn	

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Special requests should be directed to Brian Hooper, via the email provided in the **ADDRESSES** section.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: September 12, 2025.

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