

**Transboundary Resource Assessment Committee**  
**Assessment of Georges Bank Cod, Haddock and Yellowtail**  
**Conference Center, Biological Station, St. Andrews, NB Canada**  
**June 8-12, 2009**

**Terms of Reference**

**Context**

The TRAC annually obtains requests for harvest advice on transboundary resources from the Transboundary Management Guidance Committee (TMGC).

For the following resources:

Eastern Georges Bank cod  
Eastern Georges Bank haddock  
Georges Bank yellowtail flounder

- Apply the benchmark assessments to report on the status of the stocks, updating results for the latest information from fisheries, including discard estimates, and research surveys and characterize the uncertainty of estimates.
- For a range of total catch values in 2010, estimate the risk that the 2010 fishing mortality rate would exceed 0.18 (cod), 0.26 (haddock) and 0.25 (yellowtail flounder) respectively
- If stock condition is poor, for a range of total catch values in 2010, estimate the risk that the biomass at the beginning of 2011 would not achieve a 0%, 10% or 20% increase compared to the beginning of 2010.
- Review the biomass distribution relative to the USA/Canada boundary, updating results with the 2008 survey information, and apply the allocation shares formula.
- Review and determine an appropriate metric for reporting biomass for GB yellowtail flounder.
- Draft terms of reference for 2010 June TRAC
- Other matters.

**Outputs**

TRAC Transboundary Status Reports the eastern Georges Bank cod and haddock, and Georges Bank yellowtail flounder management units.

TRAC Reference Documents for eastern Georges Bank cod and haddock, and Georges Bank yellowtail flounder management units.  
TRAC Proceedings of meeting discussion

**Participants**

DFO Maritimes scientists and managers

NMFS Northeast Region scientists and managers

Canadian and US fishing industry

US State and Canadian Provincial representatives (NB and NS)

NEFMC representatives