

**Transboundary Resources Assessment Committee (TRAC)  
Assessment of Georges Bank Yellowtail Flounder, Eastern  
Georges Bank Cod, and Eastern Georges Bank Haddock**

Hachey Conference Centre, St. Andrews Biological Station  
St. Andrews, New Brunswick, Canada  
7-9 July 2015

**DRAFT AGENDA**

**DAY 1 (Tuesday, July 7, 2015)**

<u>Time</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Leads</u>
09:00 – 09:30	Welcome & introduction (co-chairs)	Liz Brooks (US) Kristian Curran (Cdn)
09:30 – 10:00	Allocation shares	Heath Stone (Cdn) Loretta O'Brien (US)
10:00 – 10:45	GB Yellowtail Flounder Assessment Update: 1. Inputs: commercial fishery & surveys 2. Application of the benchmark formulation 3. Catch advice	Chris Legault (US) Dheeraj Busawon (Cdn)
10:45 – 11:00	<b><u>Break</u></b>	
11:00 – 11:30	GB Yellowtail Flounder Assessment Update: 1. Harvest Control Rule/Management Strategy Evaluation – summary of progress	Chris Legault (US)
11:30 – 12:00	A comparison of cod life-history parameters inside and outside of four year-round groundfish closed areas in New England	Graham Sherwood (US, GMRI)
12:00 – 12:30	Potential bounds on the scale of cod consumption by seals	Loretta O'Brien (US)
12:30 – 13:30	<b><u>Lunch</u></b>	
13:30 – 14:00	Bias adjustment in ADAPT	Yanjun Wang (Cdn)
14:00 – 15:00	EGB Cod Assessment Update: 1. Inputs: commercial fishery & surveys 2. Application of the VPA Formulation and VPA Projections for EGB Cod 3. Application of the ASAP Formulation and Projections for EGB Cod 4. Consequence Analysis and Assessment Advice	Yanjun Wang (Cdn) Loretta O'Brien (US)
15:00 – 15:15	<b><u>Break</u></b>	
15:15 – 17:00	EGB Cod Assessment Update <sup>(cont)</sup>	Yanjun Wang (Cdn) Loretta O'Brien (US)

**DAY 2 (Wednesday, July 8, 2015)**

<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Topic</u></b>	<b><u>Leads</u></b>
09:00 – 09:30	Review of previous day (co-chairs)	Liz Brooks (US) Kristian Curran (Cdn)
09:30 – 10:30	Homework from previous day	All (US) All (Cdn)
10:30 – 10:45	<b><u>Break</u></b>	
10:45 – 11:15	GEAC Mesh Size Experimental Results	Rod Morin (GEAC)
11:15 – 12:30	EGB Haddock Assessment Update: 1. Inputs: commercial fishery & surveys 2. Application of the benchmark formulation 3. Projections and assessment advice	Heath Stone (Cdn) Liz Brooks (US)
12:30 – 13:30	<b><u>Lunch</u></b>	
13:30 – 14:00	EGB Haddock Assessment Update <sup>(Cont'd)</sup>	Heath Stone (Cdn) Liz Brooks (US)
14:00 – 15:00	GB Yellowtail Flounder status report	Chris Legault (US) Dheeraj Busawon (Cdn)
15:00 – 15:15	<b><u>Break</u></b>	
15:15 – 16:00	GB Yellowtail Flounder status report <sup>(Cont'd)</sup>	Chris Legault (US) Dheeraj Busawon (Cdn)
16:00 – 17:00	EGB Cod status report	Yanjun Wang (Cdn) Loretta O'Brien (US)

**DAY 3 (Thursday, July 9, 2015)**

<b><u>Time</u></b>	<b><u>Topic</u></b>	<b><u>Leads</u></b>
09:00 – 09:30	Review of previous day (co-chairs)	Liz Brooks (US) Kristian Curran (Cdn)
09:30 – 10:30	Homework from previous day	All (US) All (Cdn)
10:30 – 10:45	<b><u>Break</u></b>	
10:45 – 11:30	EGB Cod status report <sup>(cont'd)</sup>	Yanjun Wang (Cdn) Loretta O'Brien (US)
11:30 – 12:30	EGB Haddock status report	Heath Stone (Cdn) Liz Brooks (US)
12:30 – 13:30	<b><u>Lunch</u></b>	
13:30 – 14:15	EGB Haddock status report <sup>(cont'd)</sup>	Heath Stone (Cdn) Liz Brooks (US)
14:15 – 15:00	Conclusions of report reviews	All (US) All (Cdn)
15:00 – 15:15	<b><u>Break</u></b>	
15:15 – 16:15	Conclusions of report reviews <sup>(cont'd)</sup>	All (US) All (Cdn)
16:15 – 17:00	Other business and close: 1. Terms of Reference for 2016 2. Approach for Interim Assessments 3. Other business (as necessary) 4. Meeting adjournment	Liz Brooks (US) Kristian Curran (Cdn)