Purpose of This Meeting

- Present draft spending plan for New Hampshire’s State Specific Grant portion of Disaster Relief Funds
  - $1,136,000
- Get industry input on draft spending plan
- Tell us what you like about draft plan
- Any suggestions for modifying?
Sept. 2012 – Secretary of Commerce “determined that a commercial fishery failure due to a fishery resource disaster will exist for the Northeast Multispecies Groundfish Fishery for the 2013 fishing year” under MSA

Jan./Feb. 2014 – FY2014 budget approved that included $75 million for fisheries resource disasters declared in 2012/2013
  - $32.8 million for Northeast Multispecies Groundfish Fishery
March-May 2014 – NOAA Fisheries and NE state fisheries directors met 5 times to develop spending plan for the $32.8 million
  ➢ RA – “goal of consensus of state directors”

March 2014 – Industry coalition of AFM, NSC and CCCFA develop and submit spending plan to RA for consideration
  ➢ 1/3 direct assistance via equal allocation, $2 million to crew, 2/3 for buyout

May 28, 2014 – NOAA approves compromise spend plan agreed to by consensus of state directors
1/3 Direct Assistance – allocated equally to 345 LA commercial permits that landed ≥5000 lbs. of groundfish in at least one yr. btwn 2010-2013

- $32,500/eligible vessel
- Owners of eligible permits as of 4/30/2014
- Includes eligible permits in non-profit permit banks as of 4/30/2014
- NH – 28 eligible permits (including 1 in Permit Bank) will get $$ through NHFG
- “Contract” to NH eligible's going out this month to sign & return by October
  - Also form to list your crew on GF trips you submitted 1099 misc. for
- Checks expected to be mailed in November
1/3 Vessel or Permit Buyback and/or Buyout Program – framework expected to take longer to develop so ~$11 million of funds held in reserve for potential use in program

- 3 meetings this summer of workgroup developing plan
- NH represented by State directors designee (Cheri Patterson) and Sector XI/XII manager (Josh Wiersma)
1/3 State-Specific Grants – based on formula that considers commercial GF revenue losses affecting each state in recent yrs.

- NH allocated 10.5% or $1,136,400
- States have some flexibility to address the unique and varied needs of their fishing communities (e.g. party/charter vessels, shore-based infrastructure, comm. crew members, cooperative research, etc.)
Goals for NH State Specific Grant

- Provide assistance for on-the-water businesses that harvest groundfish and operate out of NH or land in NH (FY 2010-2013 time frame)
- Eligibility criteria and any allocation formulas should be simple and easily verifiable
- Can be direct assistance or program that provides long term benefits to NH fishing community
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- 2% NHFG Administrative ($22,728)
- Remaining 98% ($1,113,672) split:
  - 83% Commercial Groundfish Industry ($924,348)
  - 17% For-Hire Groundfish Fishing Industry ($189,324)

Allocation based on average NH GF harvest 2010-2012

- Commercial from dealer reports
- For-Hire from MRIP Party/Charter mode
- Did not include 2013 b/c rec. sub-ACL exceeded for GOM cod (145%) and haddock (246%) while commercial sub-ACL not exceeded
“Groundfish”

Northeast multispecies that were allocated to sectors and common pool vessels

cod, haddock, yellowtail flounder, American plaice, witch flounder, winter flounder, redfish, white hake, and pollock
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NH For-Hire Groundfish Fishing Industry
($189,324)

➢ Qualification criteria
  ➢ NH Saltwater Fishing Charter Boat or Party Boat License
  ➢ Federal Northeast Multispecies permit with a principle port in NH
  ➢ ≥15 trips in at least 3 of the 4 years from 2010-2013 where:
    ➢ ≥ one GF species recorded as harvested and landed in NH on federal VTR and
    ➢ ≥ 1 in “number of anglers” box on the VTR for those trips

➢ Potential qualifying vessels
  ➢ 13 party boats
  ➢ 7 charter boats
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NH For-Hire Groundfish Fishing Industry
($189,324)

➢ Allocation criteria
  ➢ equally divided between federal permit holders as of 4/30/2014 for qualifying vessels
  ➢ two shares - NH Licensed Party Boat
  ➢ one share - NH Licensed Charter Boat
  ➢ e.g. - if one share for charter boats = $5,000; then 2 shares for party boats = $10,000.
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NH Commercial Groundfish Fishing Industry ($924,348)

- Direct Assistance for *active vessels and crew* (~ 31%)
- Active vessels that landed between 2000-4999 lbs in a given year
- Crew
- Active vessels landing ≥ 48,000 lbs in a given year
- Direct Assistance for *inactive permits* in NH Sector (~ 7%)
- Funds for NH Shoreside Infrastructure (~ 40%)
- Funds for Sector XI Permit Bank (~ 21%)

The above is roughly based on plan submitted by NH GF sector members
Limited access NE multispecies permit that landed groundfish in NH between fishing years 2010 and 2013 and was either:

- member of NH based GF Sector (NEF Sectors XI or XII),
- A common pool vessel who’s permit holder is a resident by person

Owner of permit as of April 30, 2014
1) Vessels that landed 2000 - 4999 lbs (i.e. did not qualify for DA grant funds)

- Eligibility Criteria
  - meets General Eligibility Criteria
  - landed < 5000 lbs groundfish in each fishing year from 2010-2013
  - landed > 2000 lbs of groundfish in any one fishing year from 2010-2013

- Distribution Formula
  - Equal allocation of fixed portion of “active vessel/crew” funds to each eligible permit
  - Preliminary # qualifying = 3 permits
  - Proposed distribution amount = $10,000 for each qualifying permit
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Commercial GF Industry

Direct Assistance for *active vessels/crew* (~$284,000)

2) **Crew**

- Letters going out to NH DA eligible's asking to fill out form to ID crew on GF trips in 2012/2013
- **Eligibility Criteria**
  - ID’ed by permit holder as crew (i.e. hired captain or deck hand) on ≥ 10 GF trips in 2012 or 2013
  - Issued a 1099 Misc. by permit holder in 2012 or 2013
  - Crew member submits to NHFG a copy of 1099 Misc. for tax yr. 2012 or 2013 with:
    - eligible individual is listed as the “Recipient”
    - “Payer” must be owner of the permit that meets the General Eligibility Criteria
    - Minimum income of $5,000 is listed in Box 5 “Fishing Boat Proceeds”
- **Distribution Formula**
  - Equal allocation of yet to be determined fixed portion of “active vessel/crew” funds to each crew
3) Active vessels landing ≥ 48,000 lbs in a given year

- Eligibility Criteria
  - meets General Eligibility Criteria
  - Permit has dealer reported landings ≥ 48,000 lbs. of groundfish in any one yr from 2010 – 2013
  - not a permit currently in a permit bank

- Distribution Formula
  - Equal allocation of yet to be determined portion of fixed portion of “active vessel/crew” funds to each eligible permit

Preliminary # qualifying = 19 permits
3) **Active vessels landing ≥ 48,000 lbs in a given year (con’t)**

- **Why 48,000 lbs?**
  - A. Natural break between DA qualifying permits with:
    - GF landings between 5000 - 26,000 lbs in at least 1 yr and
    - permits with >48,000 lbs of GF landing in at least 1 yr.
  - B. Those with landings >48,000 lbs relied more heavily on GF for income and should get additional assistance above $32.5K
Eligibility Criteria

- Limited access northeast multispecies permit
- Permit currently not in a Permit Bank
- Member of NH based GF Sector (NEF Sectors XI or XII) 2013
- No dealer reported groundfish landings, 2010 - 2013
- Owner of permit not eligible for Direct Assistance funds from another permit that they own (both $32.5K DA or SSG active vessel DA)
- One payment per person no matter how many inactive permits
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NH Commercial GF Industry

Direct Assistance for *inactive permits* in NH Sector (~$69,000)

- **Distribution Formula**
  - Equal allocation of inactive permits portion to each eligible person

- *Preliminary* # qualifying = 9 persons
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NH Commercial GF Industry

NH Shoreside Infrastructure (~$370,000)

- Distribution Formula
  - Yankee Fisherman’s Coop - 80%
  - Heidi and Elisabeth, LLC – 20%

Roughly based on plan submitted by members of NH GF Sectors
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NH Commercial GF Industry
Funds for Sector XI Permit Bank (~$200,000)

- Funds required to be used for purchase of northeast multispecies limited access permits for use by vessels in NH GF Sectors (NEFC Sectors XI & XII)

- Roughly based on plan submitted by members of NH GF Sectors