

A close-up photograph of an Atlantic Cod fish, showing its head, eye, and scales. The fish is positioned diagonally across the frame, with its head towards the right. The background is a dark, deep blue, suggesting an underwater environment. The fish's scales are detailed and shimmer with light.

# Atlantic Cod Stock Structure - Management Workshops

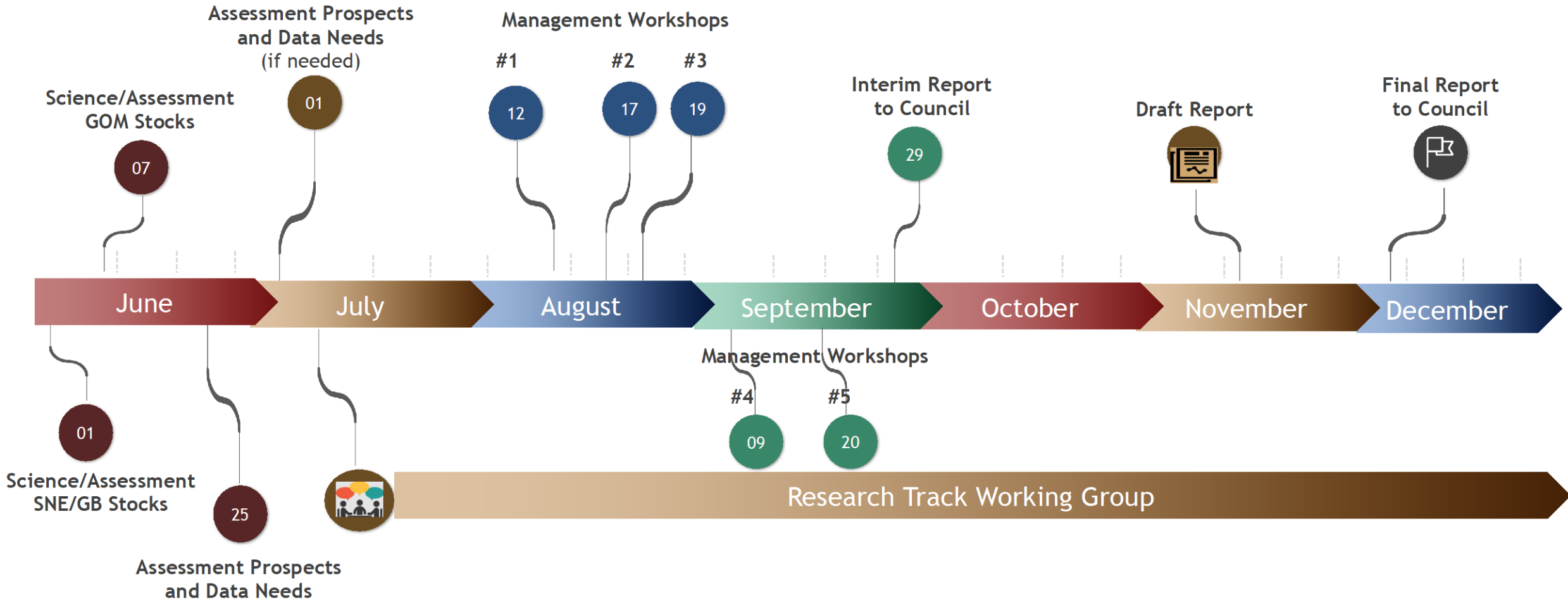
## *#5 – Evaluating Tradeoffs to Adjusting Management Measures*

September 20, 2021

1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

*Photo credit: NOAA Fisheries*

# 2021 Atlantic Cod Stock Structure Workshop Timeline



# Management Workshop Series

## Thursday, August 12

- **Setting the Groundwork: 1pm-3pm**

## Tuesday, August 17

- **Gathering Regional Perspectives from Southern New England and Georges Bank East & West**

## Thursday, August 19

- **Gathering Regional Perspectives from Gulf of Maine East & West: 1pm-3pm**

## Thursday, September 9

- **Focusing on Recreational Fishing Perspectives: 2pm-4pm**

## Monday, September 20

- **Evaluating Tradeoffs to Adjusting Management Measures: Monday, September 20, 1pm-4pm**

# Zoom Meeting Reminders

- **VIDEO is encouraged!**
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# Navigational Aids

- All options on the table – no decisions being made.
- Encourage broad participation – especially from folks who often have limited time to share ideas.
- We are all here to learn – both questions and ideas welcome.
- Share the floor.
- Be respectful.
- Focus on task at hand.

# Today's Agenda

- 1:00 Welcome and Overview
- 1:15 What We Learned From the Science/Assessment Workshops
- 1:30 Setting the Context for Atlantic Cod Management Discussions
- 1:45 Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) as a Tool for Decision Making
- 2:15 Break (10 min)
- 2:25 Exploring Scenarios & Evaluating Tradeoffs – Breakouts
- 3:50 Concluding Thoughts & Next Steps
- 4:00 Adjourn





# Atlantic Cod Stock Structure Workshops

## Goals & Objectives

### PHASE 1: Atlantic Cod Stock Structure Working Group

Five distinct biological stocks, instead of the two that are currently managed

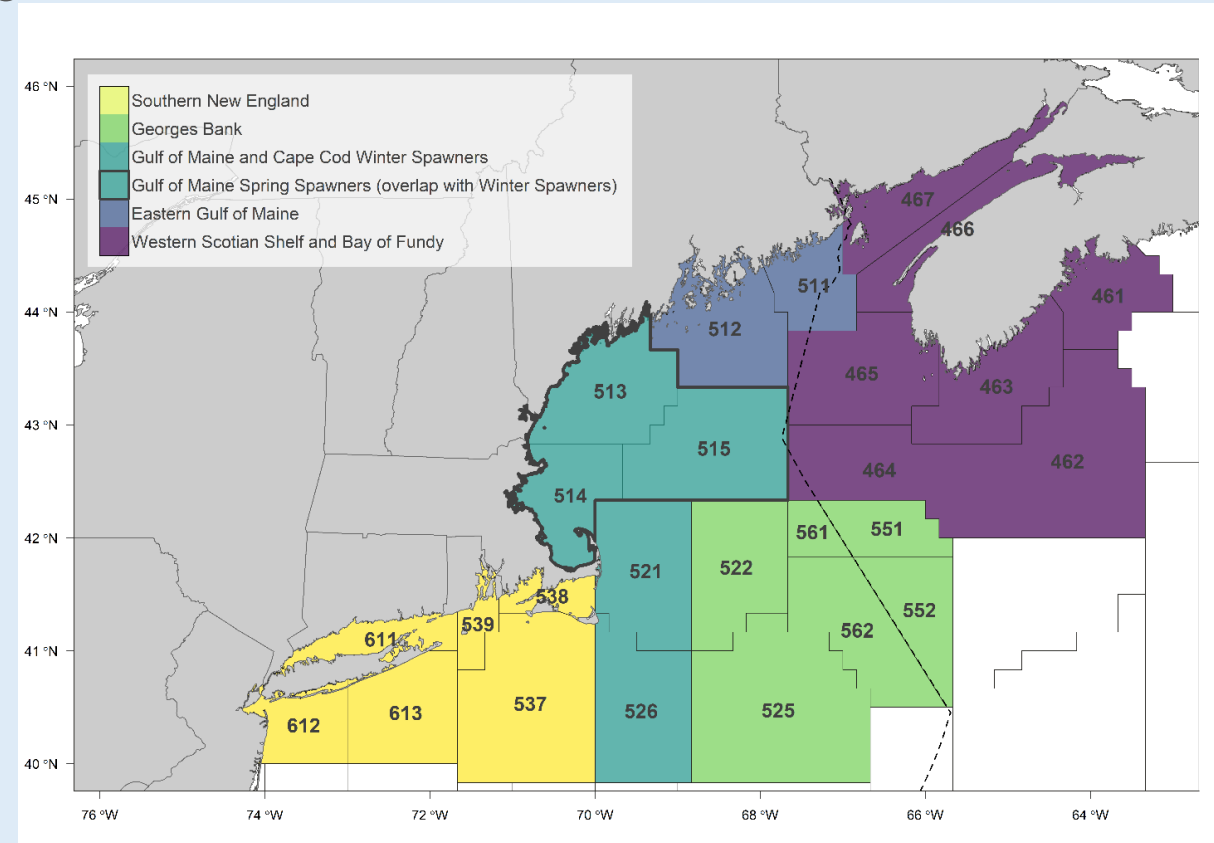
**Re-thinking of the current science and management approaches to the fishery.**

*Two-pronged approach developed to incorporate new stock definitions into existing science and management structures.*

### PHASE 2: Workshops

(a) Science/Assessment Prospects

**(b) Management.**



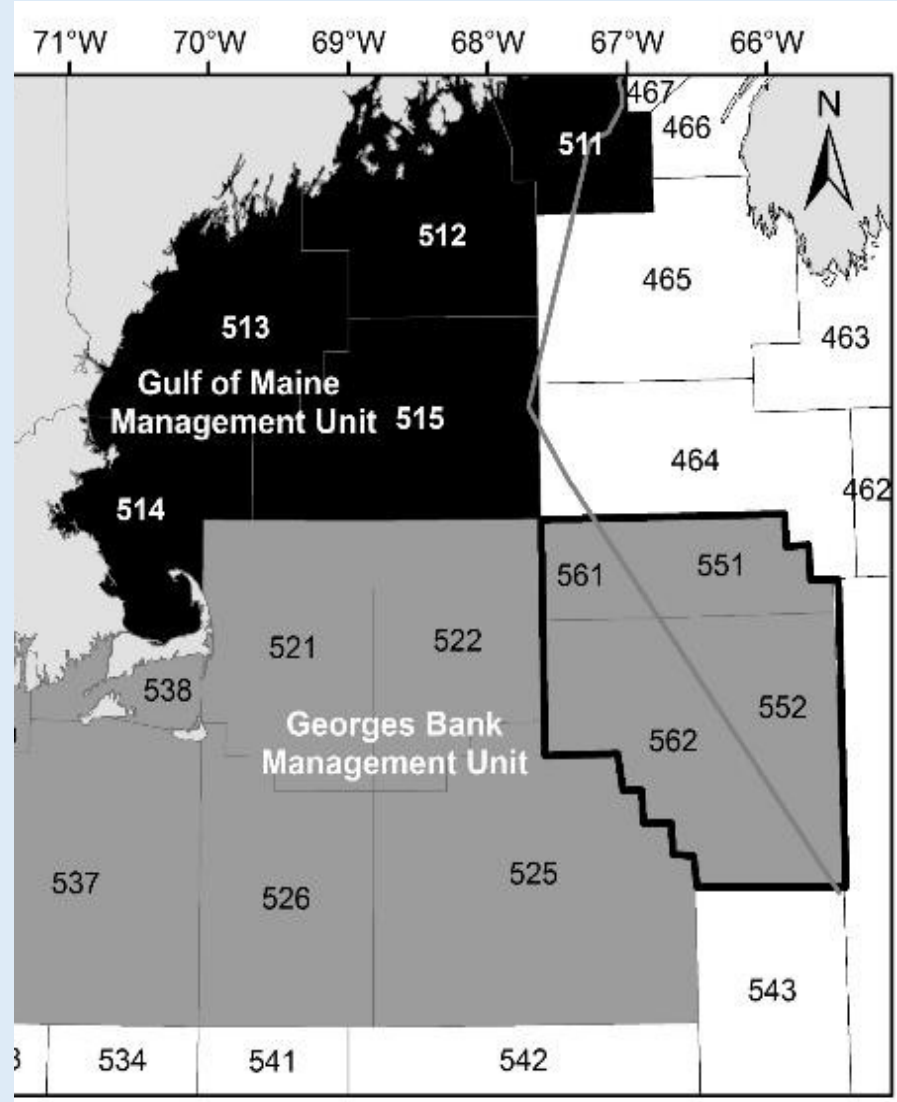
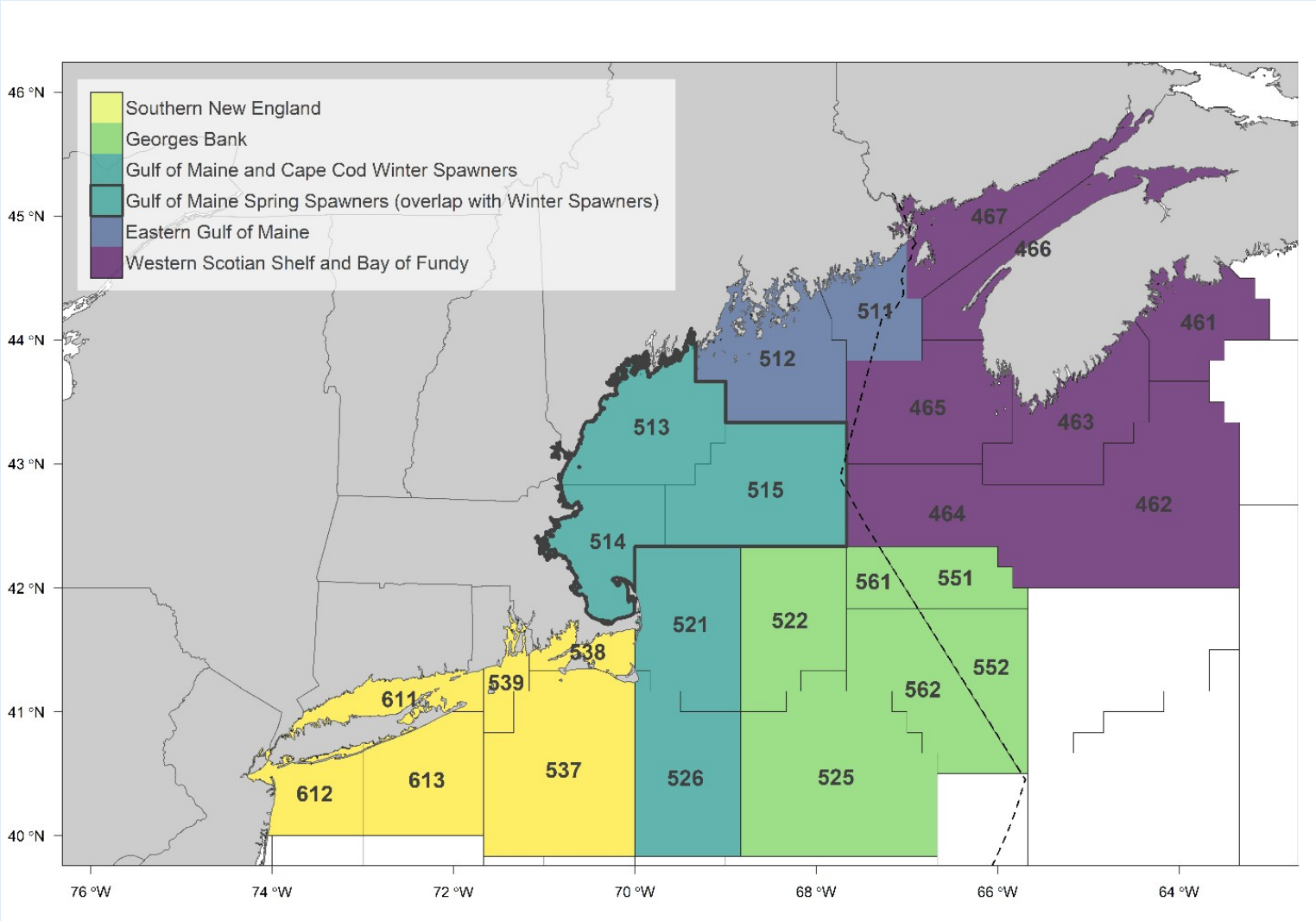
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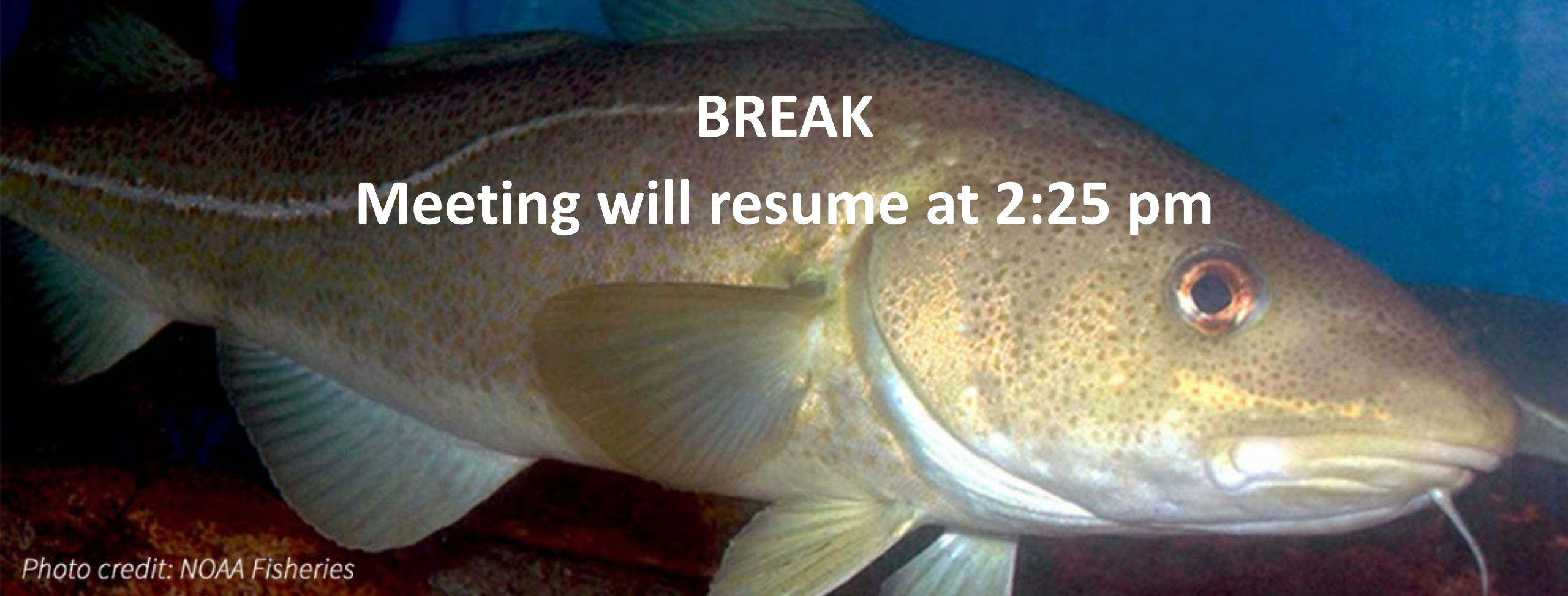
**Focus:**      **Gathering input on potential management changes and possible economic and social impacts**

## **What we are not doing during the Management Workshops**

- Scoping a management action – *that's a Council/NMFS process*
- Making formal recommendations – *this forum is for gathering perspectives*







**BREAK**  
**Meeting will resume at 2:25 pm**

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# For More Information

<https://seagrant.unh.edu/2021-atlantic-cod-stock-workshops>

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