

**2021 Atlantic Cod Stock Structure
Science/Assessment Workshop
Southern New England and Georges Bank Stocks**

**June 1, 2021
8:30 AM – 12:30 PM**

Objectives:

- Establish a common understanding of the goals and objectives of this Atlantic Cod Stock Structure Workshop series
- Summarize the historical and current data availability for Southern New England and Georges Bank Stocks
- Identify additional data that is available or upcoming research that could be used to inform the cod assessment for Southern New England and Georges Bank Stocks.
- Generate initial data gaps and ideas for research to improve the assessment prospects for Southern New England and Georges Bank Stocks

8:30 Welcome and Introductions

8:40 Goals and Objectives of the Science/Assessment Workshop

8:50 Quick Review of the Cod Stock Structure WG Results

9:00 Stock Assessment Data and Building Blocks

9:20 Stock Area Data Overview - Southern New England

9:45 Stock Area Data Overview - Channel/Western George's Bank

10:25 BREAK

10:40 Stock Area Data Overview - Eastern George's Bank

11:20 Discussion of Data/Research Needs

1. Given the goal to inform the science and management of a five stock structure, are there data that haven't been listed today that would be pertinent to the assessment?
2. Are you aware of any upcoming, ongoing or future studies that would be relevant?
3. What are the priority research needs and data gaps to recommend to the cod assessment working group to better assess cod under a five stock structure?

12:15 Overview of Next Steps

12:30 Adjourn