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RE: Transboundary Resources Assessment Committee (2015) Science Assessment Meeting

Dear Invitee,

You are cordially invited to attend a science assessment meeting of the Transboundary Resources Assessment Committee (TRAC) to be held at St. Andrews, New Brunswick, on July 7-9, 2015. TRAC was established in 1998 to peer review assessments of transboundary fishery resources in the Georges Bank area, in order to ensure that the management efforts of both Canada and the United States of America, pursued either independently or cooperatively, are founded on a common understanding of fishery resource status. At the 2015 meeting, TRAC will consider assessments for Eastern Georges Bank Cod, Eastern Georges Bank Haddock, and Georges Bank Yellowtail Flounder. Results of the 2015 TRAC assessment meeting will be reported to management agencies in both countries.

The 2015 TRAC meeting will commence at 9:00 AM local time on July 7, 2015, and close at 5:30 PM local time on July 9, 2015. The meeting will be held in the Harry Hachey Conference Centre on the St. Andrews Biological Station campus located in St. Andrews, New Brunswick. We would like to commence the meeting promptly by 9:00 AM, so please plan your arrival accordingly. Alternatively, there is opportunity to participate via WebEx webinar. A meeting Terms of Reference and draft Agenda have been attached to this invitation. A list of accommodations can be found on the St. Andrews by the Sea website at <http://standrewsbythesea.ca/visit/>.

We ask that you confirm your participation at the meeting either in person or via WebEx webinar with your respective TRAC co-chair Liz Brooks (U.S. Co-chair) or Kristian Curran (Canadian Co-chair) by **Friday, June 26, 2015**. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the meeting, please feel free to contact either either of the co-chairs at your convenience: U.S. TRAC Co-chair Liz Brooks (Ph. 508-495-2238; Em. Liz.Brooks@noaa.gov) or the Canadian TRAC Co-chair Kristian Curran (Ph. 902-426-9920; Em. Kristian.Curran@dfo-mpo.gc.ca). We look forward to seeing you at this year's meeting.

Sincerely,

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Attachments:

- 1) TRAC Terms of Reference (2015) - Final
- 2) TRAC Agenda (2015) - Draft