

**NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**  
**Groundfish Committee**

**I. STATUS**

- A. Meetings: The Groundfish Committee met on Nov. 18, 2025, in Wakefield, MA and by webinar. The Groundfish Advisory Panel (GAP) and Recreational Advisory Panel (RAP) each met on Nov. 17, 2025, by webinar. The Groundfish Plan Development Team (PDT) met on Sept. 29, 2025, Oct. 7, 2025, and Oct. 31, 2025, all by webinar.
- B. Framework Adjustment 69/Specifications and Management Measures: Council staff sent the final submission to GARFO on Mar. 11, 2025. The proposed rule has not yet been published.
- C. Revised Amendment 25: Council staff sent the preliminary submission to GARFO on Nov. 14, 2025.
- D. Framework Adjustment 72/Specifications and Management Measures: This action includes: status determination criteria for Georges Bank yellowtail flounder; fishing year (FY) 2026 specifications for GB cod, GB haddock, and GB yellowtail flounder, FY2026-FY2030 specifications for Cape Cod/Gulf of Maine (CC/GOM) yellowtail flounder, Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic (SNE/MA) yellowtail flounder, GB winter flounder, GOM winter flounder, SNE/MA winter flounder, white hake, Acadian redfish, ocean pout, and Atlantic wolffish; FY2026 U.S./Canada total allowable catches (TACs) for, Eastern GB cod, Eastern GB haddock, and GB yellowtail flounder; and measures to establish a regulatory process for the Regional Administrator to adjust recreational measures for cod and haddock. The Council is expected to take final action at its December meeting.

**II. COUNCIL ACTION**

- A. Framework 72 – final action.

**III. INFORMATION**

- 1. Presentation, Council Staff
- 2. Council's Groundfish Priorities Quarterly Outlook for 2025
- 3. Groundfish Committee Motions
- 4. Framework Adjustment 72 / Specifications and Management Measures
  - a. Draft framework discussion document (includes draft alternatives (version 1) and draft impacts analysis (version 2))
  - b. Risk Policy Matrices for 2025 (combined)
  - c. Decision Document
  - d. Supplemental PDT analyses: white hake projections
- 5. Meeting Summaries
  - a. Groundfish Advisory Panel, November 17, 2025
  - b. Recreational Advisory Panel, November 17, 2025
  - c. Groundfish Committee, November 18, 2025
- 6. Correspondence