

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

**I. STATUS**

- A. Meetings: The Groundfish Committee and Groundfish Advisory Panel (GAP) met jointly on May 27, 2026, by webinar. The Groundfish Committee, GAP, and Recreational Advisory Panel (RAP) met jointly on June 10, 2026, in Wakefield, MA and by webinar. The Groundfish Plan Development Team (PDT) met on May 20, 2026, by webinar.
- B. Revised Amendment 25: GARFO sent a decision letter on April 6, 2026, notifying the Council that Amendment 25 (Revised) is approved. The comment period for the proposed rule closed on April 17, 2026. The final rule has not yet been published.
- C. Framework Adjustment 72 / Specifications and Management Measures: Council staff sent the final submission on April 23, 2026. The proposed rule has not yet been published.
- D. Framework Adjustment 74 / Specifications and Management Measures (to be initiated): This action is expected to include: status determination criteria (if necessary), fishing years (FY) 2027 specifications for Georges Bank (GB) cod and GB haddock, FY2027-FY2028 specifications for GB yellowtail flounder, FY2027-FY2031 specifications for Gulf of Maine (GOM) haddock, American plaice, witch flounder, pollock, northern windowpane flounder, southern windowpane flounder, and Atlantic halibut, FY2027 total allowable catches (TACs) for US/Canada management units of Eastern GB cod and haddock, and FY2027-FY2028 TACs for GB yellowtail flounder, and other measures. The Council is anticipated to initiate this action at its June meeting.
- E. Amendment 23 Monitoring Review: Staff will present an overview of the PDT's report on the review. The final review report will be available this summer.
- F. Framework 68 / ABC Control Rules: Staff will provide a brief update.

**II. COUNCIL ACTION**

- A. Framework Adjustment 74 – Initiate action.
- B. Amendment 23 Monitoring Review – Discussion of the PDT's report on the review.
- C. Framework 68 / ABC Control Rules – No action required.

### **III. INFORMATION**

1. Presentation, Council Staff
2. Council's Groundfish Priorities Quarterly Outlook for 2026
3. Groundfish Committee Motions
4. Framework Adjustment 74 / Specifications and Management Measures
  - a. Draft outline of alternatives
  - b. Memo from the Groundfish PDT to Committee re Framework 74 draft scope
5. Amendment 23 Monitoring Review
  - a. Draft PDT report
6. Meeting Motions or Summaries
  - a. Joint Groundfish Committee and Groundfish Advisory Panel, May 27, 2026
  - b. Joint Groundfish Committee, Groundfish Advisory Panel, and Recreational Advisory Panel, June 10, 2026
7. Correspondence