

**Groundfish Committee Meeting**

New Bedford, MA

September 21, 2017

**Meeting Motions**

**Framework Adjustment 57**

**Motion 1:** T. Alexander/Bellavance

To recommend to the Council to accept and include the TMGC 2018/2019 recommendations on US/CA stocks in the specification alternatives for draft Framework Adjustment 57. The TMGC recommendations for TACs for FY 2018 are 300 mt for Georges Bank yellowtail flounder, 951 mt for Eastern Georges Bank cod, and 40,000 mt for Eastern Georges Bank haddock; and an upper bound/target TAC for FY 2019 of 40,000 mt for Eastern Georges Bank haddock.

Motion 1 *carried*. 10/0/0

**Motion 2:** T. Alexander/J. Pappalardo

To recommend to the Council in the specification alternatives for draft Framework Adjustment 57 that as an alternative these stocks be adjusted for common pool trimester TACs: Gulf of Maine cod, Georges Bank cod, Cape Cod/Gulf of Maine yellowtail flounder, Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic yellowtail flounder, American plaice, and witch flounder; and that an administrative measure be developed to allow the Regional Administrator at GARFO to adjust common pool trimester TACs and AMs under certain conditions.

Motion 2 *carried* by consensus. 11/0/0

**Motion 3:** Kendall/Etrie

To recommend to the Council in the windowpane flounder accountability measures alternatives for draft Framework Adjustment 57 to only include “Sub-Option 2A: Extension of FW52 provisions to large mesh non-groundfish trawl fisheries” (and not other options) for development in FW 57 (see PDT memo on Southern windowpane flounder, dated Sept. 20, 2017).

**Motion 3a** to amend: Nolan/McKenzie

To recommend to the Council in the windowpane flounder accountability measures alternatives for draft Framework Adjustment 57 to only include “Sub-Option 2A: Extension of FW52 provisions to large mesh non-groundfish trawl fisheries” and “Sub-Option 2B: Modified gear restricted areas” (and not other options) for development in FW 57 and that MAFMC staff would lead the analysis (see PDT memo on Southern windowpane flounder, dated Sept. 20, 2017).

Motion 3a to amend *carried*. 10/1/0

Motion 3a as the main motion *carried*. 10/1/0

**Motion 4:** Balzano/Alexander

To recommend to the Council in the Atlantic halibut accountability measures alternatives for draft Framework Adjustment 57 that the development of “Sub-Option 2A: Reactive AM of no possession would apply to all federal permit holders” and “Sub-Option 2C: Modified gear restricted area off the eastern Maine coast for all federal permit holders (modified from commercial groundfish fisheries)” and discontinue work on “Sub-Option 2B: Tiered AM system for commercial groundfish fisheries” (see PDT memo on Atlantic halibut, dated Sept. 20, 2017).

Motion 4 *carried*. 9/1/1

**Motion 5:** Etrie/Alexander

To propose to the Council a prioritization of the management measures section of FW 57 (discontinuing PDT/Committee work for items with lowest priority if necessary due to time constraints)

1. To modify Atlantic halibut management.
2. To modify the Southern windowpane flounder accountability measures for the large-mesh non-groundfish fisheries (e.g., scup and summer flounder).
  - With the “Extension of FW52 provisions to large mesh non-groundfish trawl fisheries” of first priority in this section
3. To evaluate the common pool trimester total allowable catches (TACs).
4. To revise the recreational management measures process.

**Motion 5a:** Pappalardo/Griffin

To table Motion 5 until a time certain, the September 2017 Council meeting.

Motion 5a *carried*. 11/0/0

### **Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring**

#### **Motion 6:** Etrie/Bellavance

To recommend to the Council to request that the Executive Committee discuss convening a working group to identify and/or develop methods for using monitoring data in stock assessments that can clearly illustrate how monitoring (e.g., ASM, EM) data could have the capacity to rescale a stock biomass.

#### **Motion 6a** to amend Motion 6: McKenzie/Griffin

To recommend to the Council to request that the Executive Committee discuss convening a working group to identify and/or improve methods for using monitoring data in stock assessments to estimate stock biomass.

Motion 6a to amend Motion 6 *carried*. 5/2/3

Motion 6a as the main motion *carried*. 9/0/1