

**New England Fishery Management Council  
Groundfish Committee Report**  
South Portland, Maine  
June 12, 2019

**Meeting Motions**

**Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring**

**Motion 1:** [*Groundfish Committee carried 3/0/5*]

To add to the alternatives a review process to evaluate the efficacy of rates of coverage, to include metrics or indicators of how well the program improved accuracy while maximizing value and minimizing costs.

**Motion 2:** [*Groundfish Committee carried 6/0/3*]

To add an option to (a) set a standard (i.e., observer bias) to measure the effectiveness of at-sea monitoring at the sector-level, and (b) if the sector is not meeting the set standard, then provide the ability in the monitoring plans to correct the problem.

**Motion 3:** ~~XX/XX~~

[*This motion was tabled and postponed by the Groundfish Committee to the June 2019 Council meeting, motion to table carried 8/0/1.*]

Move that if the Council agrees to exempt vessels based on catch composition that those exemptions be reviewed every five years.

**Motion 4: Stockwell/**~~XX~~

To approve the range of alternatives in Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring, as modified today.

**Framework Adjustment 59/Specifications**

**Motion 5: Stockwell/**~~XX~~

To initiate Framework Adjustment 59/Specifications to include:

1. 2020 total allowable catches (TACs) for US/Canada stocks of Eastern Georges Bank (GB) cod, Eastern GB haddock, and GB yellowtail flounder,
2. 2020-2022 specifications for fifteen groundfish stocks, and
3. Address commercial/recreational allocation issues if raised by new Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) data.