

**NEFMC Recreational Advisory Panel (RAP) Meeting
Portland, ME
September 16, 2014**

DRAFT Meeting Motions

Amendment 18

Motion 1: Sterritt/Tower

The RAP does not support the demarcation of an inshore/offshore line for the recreational fishery due to lack of benefit, impractical nature, data limitations, enforcement, and safety concerns and the RAP requests that this is not implemented for the recreational fleet.

The motion carried 8/0/0.

Motion 2: DePersia/Bellevance

The RAP supports the development of an inshore/offshore 70 degrees W line for the commercial fleet based on historical access by that component of the fishery.

The motion failed 3/5/0.

Framework Adjustment 53

Motion 3: Paquette/Swanson

The RAP supports the concept that any GOM cod spawning closures be closed to all gears capable of catching GOM cod.

The motion failed 1/6/1.

Motion 4: DePersia/Colby

The RAP would support for analysis purposes a small or no possession of GOM cod if it means continued prosecution of other recreational fisheries (e.g., haddock, pollock, etc.). The RAP reserves its judgment on haddock bag limits, size limits, seasons, etc for FY 2015 until such data is provided. The RAP requests this information be provided in a timely manner.

The motion passed 7/1/0.

Other Business

Motion 5: Bellevance/DePersia

The RAP requests that the Committee revisit the allocation of GOM haddock, due to the recalculation of recreational discard mortality in the recent assessment, in the next available action.

The motion passed 5/0/3.

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