

# Development of Framework 51 to the Multispecies FMP

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# Outline

- **FW 51 timeline**
- **Summary of DRAFT Alternatives under Consideration**



# Timeline

2013	Jun	Council initiates FW51
	Jul-Sep	Develop measures
	Sep	Council selects measures to include in FW51
	Sep-Nov	Develop NEPA analysis
	Nov	Council takes final action on FW51



# FW 51

*\* Pending Council discussion today*

## REGULATORY REQUIREMENT

- Revising the GOM cod rebuilding plan
- Revising the American plaice rebuilding plan
- Specifications for white hake
- US/CA TACs (GB yellowtail flounder, EGB cod, EGB haddock)

## ADDITIONAL GROUND FISH ISSUES

- RA authority for in-season US/CA adjustment
- Disapproved reporting/monitoring issues FW48-GB YTF discard strata
- *Carryover\**
- Small-mesh fishery AMs for GB yellowtail flounder sub-ACL
- *Halibut and wolffish AMs\**

## REMOVED

- Haddock spillover
- Full Retention

# Pending Council Discussion

## Carryover-

- NERO has provided an overview of clarification of carryover
- The Council may wish to consider if additional clarification is deemed necessary in FW 51

## Commercial fishery AMs-Revised AMs for Atlantic halibut and wolffish

- The GF OSC requested a report on if AMs had been triggered or not for FY2012
- The GF OSC expressed interest in options other than closures (i.e., allocation)



# Removed

## Haddock spillover

- Based on PDT and SSC findings, GF OSC removed this section
- GF OSC discussed GOM haddock stock and that the 2010 year class may not be fully captured in the recent assessment

### GF OSC Motion

*To ask the Council to ask the SSC to reconsider the ABC of GOM haddock.*

## Full Retention

- GF OSC discussed monitoring system needed to implement full retention
- Moved to draft list of CY 2014 GF priorities

### GF OSC Motion

*Move that we remove option 2 full retention from consideration at this time but to be included in the next available GF action.*

# 1.1 Updates to Rebuilding and ACLs

- **Revising the GOM cod rebuilding plan**
- **Revising the American plaice rebuilding plan**
- **Specifications for white hake**
- **US/CA TACs (GB yellowtail flounder, EGB cod, EGB haddock)**



# GOM Cod Rebuilding Plan

## Option 1: No Action

## Option 2: Revised rebuilding strategy

- **Sub-Option A:** The rebuilding strategy would be to rebuild the stock with a median probability of success by 2022. 8-year plan
- **Sub-Option B:** The rebuilding strategy would be to rebuild the stock with a median probability of success by 2024. 10-year plan

- ***Sub-Option C:*** *The rebuilding strategy would be to rebuild the stock with a median probability of success by 2024. 10-year plan. If during the first 8 years Frebuild is less than 75%FMSY, 75%FMSY will still apply if the stock ACL based upon 75%FMSY has never been exceeded during the rebuilding plan.*

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Motion





# American plaice rebuilding plan

## Option 1: No Action

## Option 2: Revised rebuilding strategy

- **Sub-Option A:** The rebuilding strategy would be to rebuild the stock with a median probability of success by 2021. *7-year plan*
- **Sub-Option B:** The rebuilding strategy would be to rebuild the stock with a median probability of success by 2022. *8-year plan*
- **Sub-Option C:** The rebuilding strategy would be to rebuild the stock with a median probability of success by 2024. *10-year plan*

- **Sub-Option D:** *The rebuilding strategy would be to rebuild the stock with a median probability of success by 2024. 10-year plan. If during the first 8 years Frebuild is less than 75%FMSY, 75%FMSY will still apply if the stock ACL based upon 75%FMSY has never been exceeded during the rebuilding plan.*

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# Annual catch limits

**Option 1: No Action**

**Option 2: Annual specifications for FY2014 through FY2015**

- White hake
- Eastern Georges Bank cod
- Eastern Georges Bank haddock
- Georges Bank yellowtail flounder



# Annual catch limits

## Option 2: Annual specifications for FY2014 through FY2015

From the SSC on white hake:

**ABCs: 4,642 mt (2014), 4,713 mt (2015), and 4,645mt (2016)**

**OFLs: 6,082mt (2014), 6,237 mt (2015), and 6,314 mt (2016)**

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*To support the ABCs for white hake as set by the SSC for 2014-2016.*



## 1.2 Commercial/Recreational Fishery Measures

- **Small-Mesh fishery measures**
- **Management measures for US/CA TACs**
- **GB YTF management measures**



# Small-Mesh Fishery Measures

**Option 1:** No Action

**Option 2:** AM for small-mesh fishery Georges Bank yellowtail flounder sub-ACL

- ***Sub-Option A:*** To include an alternative for a pound for pound payback into the small mesh fishery plan if they exceed their sub-ACL of GB YTF.
- ***Sub-Option B:*** The area would close when the sub-ACL is exceeded.
- ***Sub-Option C:*** To add an option X, as a possible AM any gear modifications in the small mesh fishery GB area.

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Motions



# Small-Mesh Fishery Measures

## GF OSC Motions

*To task the PDT with analyzing and refining an alternative to require small-mesh fisheries in the Georges Bank yellowtail flounder stock area to request an observer prior to leaving the dock for a trip.*

*To task the PDT with analyzing and refining an option for an AM for the small mesh fishery of GB YTF sub-ACL be an area/seasonal closure prohibiting small mesh fishing in the two areas described in figure 1 in the memo to Whiting/Squid AP (document 6c) the two areas being polynorth and polysouth (shaded areas).*



# Management measures for US/CA TACs

## **Option 1:** No Action

## **Option 2:** Revised in-season adjustment for US/CA TACs

- The Regional Administrator would be allowed to adjust the US/CA quotas during the FY (i.e., after allocations were made).
- Additional quota would be allocated consistent with the current ABC distribution.
- The RA would not have the authority to change the allocations to the sub-ACLs during the FY.

## **Option 3:** Revised in-season adjustment for US/CA TACs

- If this option is adopted, the Regional Administrator would be allowed to adjust the US/CA quotas during the FY ( i.e. after allocations were made).
- Additional quota would be distributed consistent with the sector sub-ACL distribution.



# Management measures for US/CA TACs

## GF OSC Motion

- **Option 4:**
  - *Giving the RA authority to make trans-boundary quota trades either with or only with the entities that will be trading their quota.*
  - *Whichever entities (e.g., MRI, groundfish sector) provide the quota for trans-boundary trading should benefit from the quota given in trade from Canada.*





# GB YTF Management Measures

## Option 1: No Action

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*Option 2: Revisit the stratification of assumed discards for Georges Bank yellowtail flounder.*

