

Groundfish Committee Report Framework Adjustment 57: *Specifications and Management Measures*

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Goals For Today

- Discuss draft measures and draft impacts analysis
- Select preferred alternatives and take final action



Council Timeline

Action to be in place in time for May 1, 2018

2017	June	Council initiates action
	July-December	Develop specifications and management measures
	September	Council receives an update on progress
	October-December	Develop NEPA analysis
	December	Council takes final action



Draft Framework Adjustment 57

Council Motion (9/27/17), carried 17/0/0

To propose 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, with sub-Option 2B and 2C as the lowest priority for consideration.



Draft Framework Adjustment 57

DRAFT Scope:

- To set specifications for all groundfish stocks for FY2018 to FY2020.
- To set specifications for FY2018 for US/Canada stocks (Eastern Georges Bank cod, Eastern Georges Bank haddock, and Georges Bank yellowtail flounder).
- To evaluate the common pool trimester total allowable catches (TACs).
- To modify Atlantic halibut management.
- To modify the Southern windowpane flounder accountability measures for the large-mesh non-groundfish fisheries (e.g., scup and summer flounder).
- To evaluate the trigger for the SNE/MA yellowtail flounder accountability measures for the scallop fishery.
- To revise the recreational management measures for GB cod.

DRAFT Objectives

To meet regulatory requirements to prevent overfishing, ensure rebuilding, and help achieve optimum yield in the commercial and recreational groundfish fishery.



Section 4.1.1 – Annual Catch Limits

Option 1: No Action

Option 2: Revised annual catch limit specifications



2017 Groundfish Assessments

- All groundfish stocks to be assessed
- Data through the end of 2016
- TRAC – GB yellowtail flounder, EGB cod, and EGB haddock
- NEFSC Operational Assessments
- *Atlantic halibut review* – December 11 and 18



Annual Catch Limits- Commercial Sub-ACLs

Stock	FY 2017 commercial groundfish sub- ACL	FY 2018 commercial groundfish sub- ACL	% Change
GB Cod	531	1,360	156.1%
GOM Cod	280	390	39.3%
GB Haddock	52,620	44,659	-20.8%
GOM Haddock	3,018	8,738	189.5%
GB Yellowtail Flounder	163	169	3.7%
SNE/MA Yellowtail Flounder	187	42	-77.5%
CC/GOM Yellowtail Flounder	341	398	16.7%
American Plaice	1,218	1,580	29.7%
Witch Flounder	734	849	15.7%
GB Winter Flounder	620	731	17.9%
GOM Winter Flounder	639	357	-44.1%
SNE/MA Winter Flounder	585	518	-11.5%
Redfish	10,183	10,755	5.6%
White Hake	3,358	2,735	-18.6%
Pollock	17,817	37,400	109.9%



Annual Catch Limits- Commercial Sub-ACLs Non-allocated Stocks

Stock	FY 2017 commercial groundfish sub- ACL	FY 2018 commercial groundfish sub- ACL	% Change
GOM/GB Windowpane Flounder	129	63	-51.2%
SNE/MA Windowpane Flounder	104	53	-49%
Ocean Pout	130	94	-27.3%
Atlantic Halibut	91	93	2.2%
Atlantic Wolffish	72	82	13.9%



Annual Catch Limits- Recreational Sub-ACLs

Stock	OFL 2018	US ABC 2018	Rec ABC Percentage	Rec ABC	Rec ACL
Gulf of Maine Haddock	16,954	13,131	27.5%	3,611	3,358
Gulf of Maine Cod	938	703	33.7%	237	220



Annual Catch Limits- Scallop Sub-ACLs

Stock	OFL 2018	US ABC 2018	Scallop ABC percentage	Scallop ABC	Scallop ACL
GB Yellowtail Flounder	unknown	213	16%	34	33
SNE/MA Yellowtail Flounder	90	68	projected	6	6
Northern Windowpane Flounder	122	92	21%	19	18
Southern Windowpane Flounder	631	473	36%	170	158



Annual Catch Limits- Small-mesh Sub-ACL

Stock	OFL 2018	US ABC 2018	Small-Mesh ABC percentage	Small-Mesh ABC	Small-Mesh ACL
GB Yellowtail Flounder	unknown	213	2%	4	4

Annual Catch Limits- MWT Herring Sub-ACLs

Stock	OFL 2018	US ABC 2018	MWT ABC Percentage	MWT ABC	MWT ACL
Gulf of Maine Haddock	16,954	13,131	1.0%	131	122
Georges Bank Haddock	94,274	48,714	1.5%	731	680



Section 4.1.1 (cont.)

Sub-Option 1: Updates to Common Pool Vessel Accountability Measures – Target (Trimester) Total Allowable Catch (TAC)

Option 1: No Action

Option 2: Revised common pool trimester TAC apportionments



Section 4.1.1 (cont.)

Sub-Option 2: Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Sub-ACL for Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic Yellowtail Flounder

Option 1: No Action

Option 2: Specify scallop fishery sub-ACLs for SNE/MA yellowtail founder based on 90% of the scallop fishery's projected catch



Section 4.2.1

Authority for Common Pool Trimester Total Allowable Catch (TAC) Apportionment Changes

Option 1: No Action

Option 2: Broaden Regional Administrator Authority to Modify Common Pool Trimester TACs and/or AM Closures



Section 4.3.1

Revised Atlantic Halibut Accountability Measures for Federal Fisheries

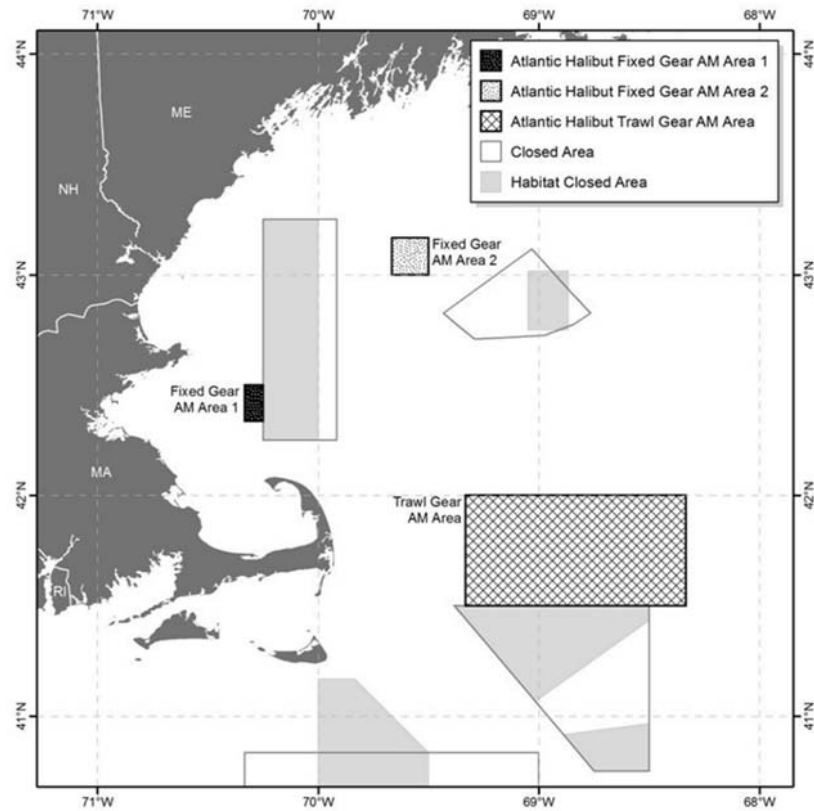
Option 1: No Action

Option 2/Sub-Option 2A: Reactive AM of no possession
would apply to all federal permit holders

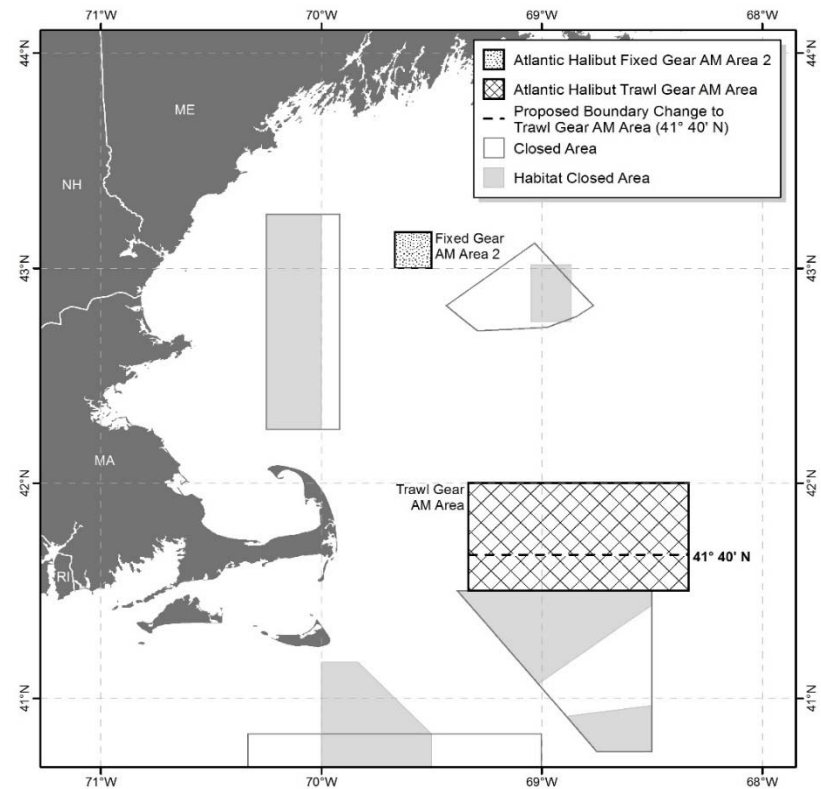
Option 2/Sub-Option 2B: Modified gear restricted areas



No Action



Option2/Sub-Option 2B



Section 4.3.1 (cont.)

Southern Windowpane Flounder Accountability Measures for Large-Mesh Non-Groundfish Fisheries

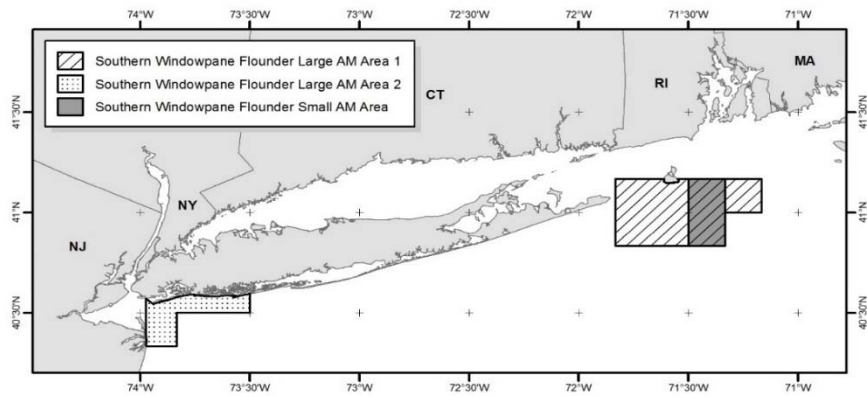
Option 1: No Action

Option 2/Sub-Option 2A: Extension of FW 52 provisions to large-mesh non-groundfish trawl fisheries

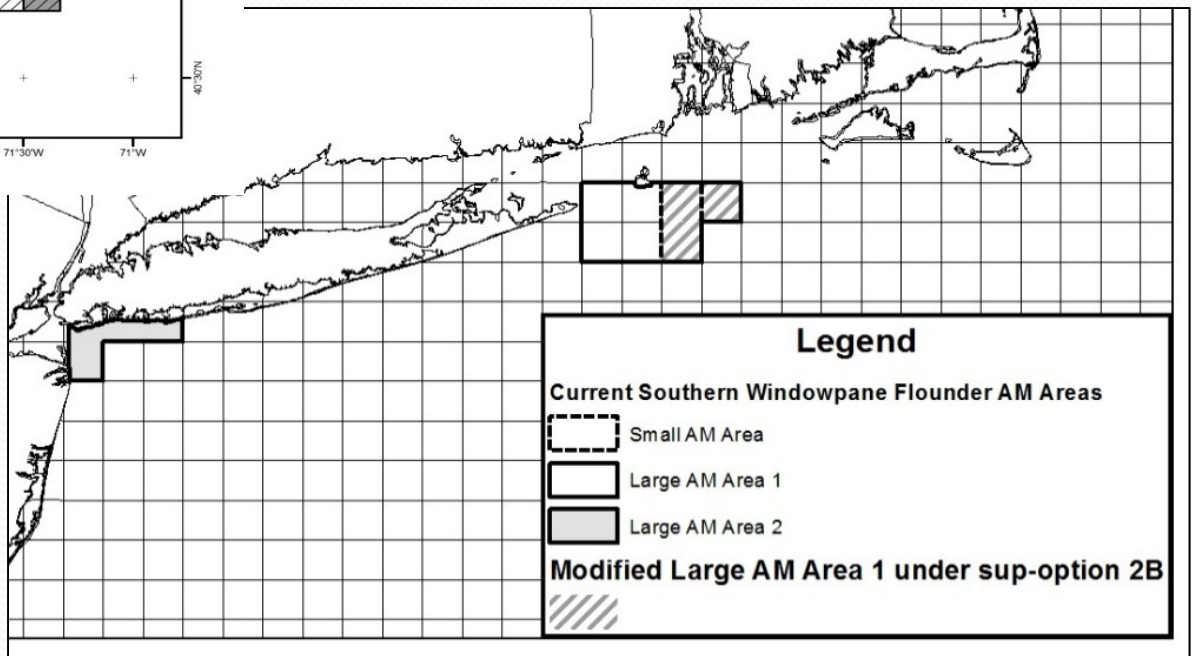
Option 2/Sub-Option 2B: Modified gear restricted areas



No Action



Option 2/Sub-Option2B



Section 4.3.1 (cont.)

Scallop Fishery AM Implementation Policy

Option 1: No Action

Option 2: Extend the temporary change to the scallop fishery AM implementation policy to the SNE/MA yellowtail flounder stock

For FY2018 only



Section 4.3.1 (cont.)

Recreational Management Measures - Georges Bank Cod Management Measures for the Recreational Fishery

Option 1: No Action

Option 2: Temporary administrative measure to allow the Regional Administrator authority to adjust the recreational measures for Georges Bank cod

For FY2018 and FY2019 only

