

**New England Fishery Management Council
Groundfish Committee Report**
Plymouth, Massachusetts
September 26, 2018

Meeting Motions

Transboundary Management Guidance Committee Report

Committee Motion 1: [*Committee motion carried 8/0/0*].

To accept the US/CA 2019 quotas for Eastern Georges Bank cod (650mt), Eastern Georges Bank haddock (30,000mt), and Georges Bank yellowtail flounder (140mt), as carefully negotiated by the U.S. Transboundary Management Guidance Committee.

Framework Adjustment 58/Specifications and Management Measures

Committee Motion 2: [*Committee motion carried by consensus*].

To recommend discontinuing work on guidance on sector overages in Framework Adjustment 58.

Stockwell/XXX:

To approve the range of alternatives in Framework Adjustment 58, as amended today.

Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring

Committee Motion 3: [*Committee motion carried 8/0/0*].

The Groundfish Committee reaffirms to the Council that improving catch accounting should be the primary goal of this action. The Committee does not know at this time what level to which to improve catch accounting as a standard for this action. The Committee recommends to the Council convening a joint Plan Development Team, Groundfish Advisory Panel, and Committee meeting to establish standards for improving catch accounting and monitoring.