

**New England Fishery Management Council  
Groundfish Committee Report  
Portsmouth, New Hampshire  
January 29, 2020**

**Meeting Motions**

**Recreational Measures for Fishing Year 2020: Gulf of Maine cod and Gulf of Maine haddock**

**Motion 1:** [Groundfish Committee motion: 8/0/2]

The Council recommends to GARFO for fishing year 2020 recreational measures:

Gulf of Maine cod

- Open Season: September 15-30 and April 1-14
- Bag Limit: 1 fish
- Minimum Size: 21 inches

Gulf of Maine haddock

- Open Season: May 1 – February 28 and April 1-30
- Bag Limit: 15 fish
- Minimum Size: 17 inches

**Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring**

**Motion 2:** Stockwell/ XX

The Council approves the Draft Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring document for public hearings.

*[Groundfish Committee motion: The Groundfish Committee recommends to the Council to approve the Draft Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring document for public hearings and declines to recommend preliminary preferred alternatives today. Carried 7/3/0.]*

**Staff suggested draft motion language – section-by-section (or could be combined)**

**Motion 3:** XX/XX

The Council recommends, in Section 4.1 COMMERCIAL GROUND FISH MONITORING PROGRAM REVISIONS (SECTORS ONLY) as a preliminary preferred alternative(s): XX

**Motion 4:** XX/XX

The Council recommends, in Section 4.2 COMMERCIAL GROUND FISH MONITORING PROGRAM REVISIONS (SECTORS AND COMMON POOL) as a preliminary preferred alternative(s): XX

**Motion 5:** XX/XX

The Council recommends, in Section 4.3 SECTOR REPORTING as a preliminary preferred alternative(s): XX

**Motion 6:** XX/XX

The Council recommends, in Section 4.4 FUNDING/OPERATIONAL PROVISIONS OF GROUND FISH MONITORING (SECTORS AND COMMON POOL) as a preliminary preferred alternative(s): XX

**Motion 7:** XX/XX

The Council recommends, in Section 4.5 MANAGEMENT UNCERTAINTY BUFFERS FOR THE COMMERCIAL GROUND FISH FISHERY (SECTORS) as a preliminary preferred alternative(s): XX

**Motion 8:** XX/XX

The Council recommends, in Section 4.6 REMOVE COMMERCIAL GROUND FISH MONITORING REQUIREMENTS FOR CERTAIN VESSELS FISHING UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS as a preliminary preferred alternative(s): XX