

2017 TMGC Guidance

Following the U.S./Canada TMGC and
Steering Committee Meetings
Boston, Massachusetts
September 7-9, 2016

NEFMC Meeting
September 21, 2016

Georges Bank (5Zhjmn) Yellowtail Flounder

- A 2017 TAC of **300 mt**

Year	TAC	Canada Share	Canada TAC	U.S. Share	U.S. TAC
2016	354	24%	85	76%	269
2017	300	31%	93	69%	207

- 15% reduction due to continued biomass decline
- Sought to moderate large inter-annual changes from the empirical approach while balancing stock conditions and utilization of other species

Eastern Georges Bank (5Zjm) Haddock

- 2017 TAC of **50,000 mt**

Year	TAC	Canada Share	Canada TAC	U.S. Share	U.S. TAC
2016	37,000	59%	21,830	41%	15,170
2017	50,000	41%	20,500	59%	29,500

- Upper bound identified by TMGC in 2015
- Some uncertainties, but biomass is very high
- 2017 assessment results will provide more information on the appropriateness of the 2017 catch, which was set based on the 2015 assessment results

Eastern Georges Bank (5Zjm) Haddock

Special Considerations

- Request that the Steering Committee consider a benchmark review a priority.
- The last benchmark review was conducted in 1998

Eastern Georges Bank (5Zjm) Cod

- 2017 TAC of **730 mt**

Year	TAC	Canada Share	Canada TAC	U.S. Share	U.S. TAC
2016	625	78%	488	22%	138
2017	730	80%	584	20%	146

- Sought to balance utilization of other species while promoting biomass growth
- Within the bounds of confidence intervals for empirical approach and projections from other model formulations
- Expected to result in an F similar to 2016, which is below the fishing mortality reference point (0.11)

10-Year Review

- Drafted report conclusions
- Developed a series of recommendations and issues for the TMGC to further consider
- Intend to work on recommendations at 2017 Intercessional

10-Year Review Conclusions

- Overall, TMGC has reached consensus on annual catch guidance
- TMGC provides important mechanism to prevent overharvest of 3 transboundary stocks
- Lack of recovery of cod and yellowtail, despite setting quotas in line with scientific advice, is a challenge
- Future challenges also include ecosystem changes and climate change
- Continued joint management is needed to respond to these challenges and continue sustainable management

10-Year Review Recommendations

- Recommendations are intended to be *ideas* for further consideration by the TMGC:
 - Review TMGC membership and participations
 - Review and evaluate the appropriateness of the TMGC's harvest strategy
 - Consider expanding the role of TMGC beyond the development of quota recommendations (e.g. recommendations on other management measures)
 - Improve documentation of meeting discussions and improve accessibility of relevant TMGC materials on the web
 - Discuss coordination of requests for benchmark reviews
 - Review the SARC/CSAS process relevant to the TRAC, including the role of the New England Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee
 - Assist TRAC in addressing process issues relative to TRAC composition and participation

Feb/Mar 2017 Intercessional

- Further consider recommendations from 10-year review