

**New England Fishery Management Council
Groundfish Committee Report**

Portland, Maine

June 13, 2018

Meeting Motions

Framework Adjustment 58/Specifications and Management Measures

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

To initiate Framework Adjustment 58, to include:

- To set specifications for fishing year 2019 for US/Canada stocks (Eastern Georges Bank (GB) cod, Eastern Georges Bank haddock, and Georges Bank yellowtail flounder),
- To revise/establish rebuilding plans for several stocks (ocean pout, GB winter flounder, witch flounder, Gulf of Maine/GB windowpane flounder, and Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic yellowtail flounder),
- To address Status Determination Criteria issue when analytic assessments fail, and
- To provide additional guidance on sector overages.

Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring

Committee Motion 2: [*Committee motion carried 5/4/2*].

To move Section 4.1.1.3.2 (Option 2: Additional Options for Industry Funded Costs of Monitoring) to considered but rejected.

Committee Motion 3: [*Committee motion carried 10/0/0*].

To delay selection of the final range of alternatives for Amendment 23 until to no sooner than the September 2018 Council meeting in order to allow for the alternatives to be aligned with completed Plan Development Team analyses and final report with recommendations offered by the Fishery Data for Stock Assessment Working Group.

Fishing Year 2019 Recreational Management Measures

Committee Motion 4: [*Committee consensus statement*].

In the consultation process for Georges Bank cod recreational measures, the Council requests that the Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office review different methodologies for determining the recreational management measures for fishing year 2019.