

**New England Fishery Management Council**  
**Groundfish Committee Report**  
Newport, Rhode Island  
December 6, 2017

Meeting Motions

**Framework Adjustment 57**

Annual Catch Limits

**Motion 1**

That the Council selects as preferred in 4.1.1 Annual Catch Limits: 4.1.1.2 Option 2-Revised Annual Catch Limit Specifications with the following adjustments:

1. Gulf of Maine cod percentage value for the state sub-component of 10% for FY2018-FY2020,
2. Atlantic halibut remains at the FY2017 percentage value for the state sub-component of 20% of U.S. ABC (e.g., at 125mt ABC is 25mt) not to exceed a value of 50 mt for FY2018-FY2020, and
3. Gulf of Maine winter flounder remains at the FY2017 percentage value for the state sub-component of 15% for FY2018-FY2020.

[Committee motion *carried* 10/0/2.]

**Motion 2**

That the Council accept the SSC's OFL and ABC recommendations once made and without objection for Atlantic halibut for FY2018-FY2020.

[Committee motion *carried* 9/0/3.]

**Motion 3**

That the Council selects as preferred in 4.1.1 Annual Catch Limits /4.1.1.2.1 Sub-Option 1- Updates to Common Pool Vessel Accountability Measures -Target (Trimester) Total Allowable Catch (TAC): 4.1.1.2.1.2 Option 2- Revised Common Pool Vessel Trimester Total Allowable Catch (TAC) Apportionments.

[Committee motion *carried* 10/0/2.]

#### **Motion 4**

That the Council selects as preferred in 4.1.1 Annual Catch Limits: 4.1.1.2.2 Sub-Option 2-Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Sub-ACL for Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic Yellowtail Flounder.

[Committee motion *carried* 11/0/1.]

#### **Motion 5**

That the Council selects as preferred in 4.2.1 Authority for Common Pool Trimester Total Allowable Catch (TAC) Apportionment Changes: 4.2.1.2 Option 2-Broaden Regional Administrator Authority to Modify Common Pool Trimester TACs and/or AM Closures

[Committee motion *carried* 9/0/3.]

#### **Atlantic Halibut Measures**

#### **Motion 6:**

That the Council selects as preferred in 4.3.1.1 Atlantic Halibut Accountability Measures for Federal Fisheries: 4.3.1.1.2.2 Sub-Option 2B- Modified Gear Restricted Areas

- to exempt longline gear from the fixed gear AM areas (Fixed Gear Area 1 and 2) and
- to allow in Fixed Gear Area 2 (on Platts Bank) fishing by gillnets from November to February.

[Committee motion *carried* 9/0/3.]

#### **Motion 7:**

That the Council selects as preferred in 4.3.1.1 Atlantic Halibut Accountability Measures for Federal Fisheries: 4.3.1.1.2.2 Sub-Option 2B: Modified Gear Restricted Areas

- to remove the Fixed Gear AM Area 1 (on Stellwagen Bank)

[Committee motion *carried* 9/0/3.]

#### **Motion 8: Stockwell/~~XX~~ [or *could combine motion 6 and 7 on fixed gears*]**

That the Council selects as preferred in 4.3.1.1 Atlantic Halibut Accountability Measures for Federal Fisheries: 4.3.1.1.2.2 Sub-Option 2B: Modified Gear Restricted Areas

- to remove the Fixed Gear AM Area 1 (on Stellwagen Bank),
- to exempt longline gear from the fixed gear AM areas (Fixed Gear Area 1 and 2), and
- to allow in Fixed Gear Area 2 (on Platts Bank) fishing by gillnets from November to February.

**Motion 9:**

That the Council selects as preferred in 4.3.1.1 Atlantic Halibut Accountability Measures for Federal Fisheries: 4.3.1.1.2.2 Sub-Option 2B-Modified Gear Restricted Areas

- to allow standard trawl gear from April 1 through July 31 in the area between 41 degrees 40 minutes and 42 degrees.

[Committee motion *carried* 10/0/2.]

**Motion 10:** Stockwell/XX

That the Council selects as preferred in 4.3.1.1 Atlantic Halibut Accountability Measures for Federal Fisheries: 4.3.1.1.2.1 Sub-Option 2A- Reactive AM of No Possession Would Apply to All Federal Permit Holders while in federal waters, with the addition of exempting party/charter permits.

[Committee - To table motion until the Council meeting on December 6, 2017, carried by consensus and without objection.]

Windowpane Flounder Measures**Motion 11**

That the Council selects as preferred in 4.3.1.2 Southern Windowpane Flounder Accountability Measures for Large-Mesh Non-Groundfish Fisheries: 4.3.1.2.2.1 Sub-Option 2A-Extension of FW 52 Provisions to Large-Mesh Non-Groundfish Trawl Fisheries, and 4.3.1.2.2.2 Sub-Option 2B-Modified Gear Restricted Areas.

[Committee motion *carried* 12/0/0.]

Accountability Measures Policy for Scallop Fishery**Motion 12**

That the Council selects as preferred in 4.3.1.3.1 Scallop Fishery AM Implementation Policy: 4.3.1.3.1.2 Option 2- Extend the Temporary Change to the Scallop Fishery AM Implementation Policy to the SNE/MA Yellowtail Flounder Stock.

[Committee motion *carried* 10/0/2.]

Recreational Management Measures**Motion 13**

That the Council selects as preferred in 4.3.1.4 Recreational Fishery Measures: 4.3.1.4.2.2 Option 2- Temporary Administrative Measure To Allow the Regional Administrator Authority to Adjust the Recreational Measures for Georges Bank Cod.

[Committee motion *carried* 11/0/1.]

*Final Motion*

**Motion 14:** Stockwell/XX

To submit Framework Adjustment 57 as amended today to the National Marine Fishery Service.