

# Recreational Advisor's Meeting

## Background Information

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# **Address Allocation Issues if Raised by New MRIP Data**

## Amendment 16 (pp. 126)

Stock	Years	Allocation
GOM cod	2001-2006	33.7%
GOM haddock	2001-2006	27.5%

## **Amendment 16 (pp. 125)**

Allocation to Commercial and Recreational Groundfish Fisheries:

- An allocation will be made of certain regulated groundfish stocks to the commercial and recreational components of the fishery.
- An allocation will be determined after accounting for state waters catches taken outside of the FMP.
- An allocation will not be made in the case of stocks that are not fully harvesting the ACL.
- An allocation will also not be made if the recreational harvest, after accounting for state waters catches outside the management plan, is less than five percent of the removals.

# Amendment 16 (pp. 125)

## Approach:

- A defined time period will be used to calculate the allocation.
- When possible, the shares will be determined by using the numbers of fish in the years caught (as used by the assessment: harvested, landed, or discarded) by each component. The shares determined in this manner will be applied to the ACL to determine the weight of catch available for each component.
- If the number of fish caught by each component is not available, the shares will be calculated based on weight.
- The proportion for each year will be calculated, and then the average proportion over the time period will be the share for each component of the fishery.
- The proportions will be reviewed consistent with the periodic assessment cycle, and if determined necessary, changes can be implemented through a framework action.



# Groundfish Priorities

# List of 2018 Priorities

## ***Legal/Regulatory Requirement- Annual***

- Set ABCs/ACLs for US/CA stocks
- Revise rebuilding plans as needed (ocean pout, GB winter flounder, witch flounder, GOM/GB windowpane flounder, and SNE/MA yellowtail flounder)
- Additional guidance on sector overages (removed from consideration September Council meeting)
- TRAC/TMGC

# List of 2018 Priorities

## ***Annual***

- Address allocation issues if raised by new MRIP data
- Get input on different ways to manage recreational fishery in light of highly variable catch estimates: for example, consideration of catch error estimates under MRIP, and errors in bioeconomic model used to determine measures
- Specify allocation review triggers
- Sector five-year review

## ***Multi-Year***

- ASM action/Amendment 23 (including work groups/workshops necessary and working group on how fishery dependent data can be used to inform stock abundance).
- Scope limited entry in groundfish party/charter fishery
- Address Status Determination Criteria issue when analytic assessments fail (postponed from annual to multi-year- June Council meeting)
- Cod Stock Structure Working Group



# 2017 Advisory Panel Motions/Statements

Recreational Advisory Panel Meeting on November 14, 2017

The Recreational Advisory Panel recommends to the Groundfish Committee that for 2018 Council priorities for groundfish that the Gulf of Maine cod and Gulf of Maine haddock recreational allocation proportions be reviewed consistent with provisions in Amendment 16 using the most recent five-years of data (see Amendment 16 Section 4.2.5 Allocation of Groundfish to the Commercial and Recreational Groundfish Fisheries) and that the review consider the results of the MRIP calibrations.

*(By consensus)*

The Recreational Advisory Panel recommends to the Groundfish Committee that for 2018 Council priorities for groundfish the development a limited access program for the party/charter fishery.

*(Carried 5/4/1)*

The Recreational Advisory Panel recommends to the Groundfish Committee that for 2018 Council priorities for groundfish include getting input on different ways to manage recreational fishery given highly variable catch estimates.

*(By consensus)*