

Frameworkable Items¹

- Modify FMP overfishing definitions and fishing mortality targets that form the basis for selecting specific management measures²;
- Quotas and appropriate seasonal adjustments for vessels fishing in experimental or exempted fisheries that use small mesh in combination with a separator trawl/grate (if applicable);
- **Modifications to separator grate (if applicable) and mesh configurations for fishing for small-mesh NE multispecies;**
- Adjustments to whiting stock boundaries for management purposes;
- **Adjustments for fisheries exempted from minimum mesh requirements to fish for small-mesh NE multispecies (if applicable);**
- **Season adjustments;**
- Declarations;
- Participation requirements for any of the Gulf of Maine/Georges Bank small-mesh multispecies exemption areas;
- OFL and ABC values;
- ACL, TAL, or TAL allocations, including the proportions used to allocate by season or area;
- Small-mesh multispecies possession limits, including in-season AM possession limits;
- Changes to reporting requirements and methods to monitor the fishery;
- Biological reference points, including selected reference time series, survey strata used to calculate biomass, and the selected survey for status determination;
- Changes to the SBRM, including the CV-based performance standard, the means by which discard data are collected/obtained, fishery stratification, the process for prioritizing observer sea-day allocations, reports, and/or industry-funded observers or observer set aside programs;
- recommendations for a whiting DAS effort reduction program;³
- Additions or deletions to exemptions for fisheries, either existing or proposed, for which there may be insufficient data or information for the Regional Administrator to determine, without public comment, percentage catch of regulated species⁴; and
- **Any other measures currently included in the FMP**⁵.

Items Permitted in Specifications Package

- Changes to stock status determination criteria and associated thresholds;⁶
- Modifications to the OFL, ABC, ACL, and TAL;⁷
- Modifications to possession limits; and
- Modifications to in-season possession limit triggers.

¹ See 50 CFR [648.90\(c\)\(1\)\(ii\)](#).

² See § [648.90\(c\)](#).

³ See § [648.90\(c\)\(1\)\(iii\)](#).

⁴ See § [648.80\(a\)\(8\)\(iii\)](#).

⁵ § [648.90\(a\)\(2\)\(iii\)\(S\)](#).

⁶ See § [648.90\(b\)\(1\)\(iii\)](#).

⁷ See § [648.90\(b\)\(4\)\(i\)](#).