

New England Fishery Management Council
Groundfish Committee Report
June Council Meeting – Mystic, CT and by Webinar^{3. Groundfish (June 23-25, 2026) M}
June 23-25, 2026 #3

Meeting Motions

Framework 74 / Specifications and Management Measures:

Motion 1: [Committee Motion]

To initiate Framework Adjustment 74 to include fishing year (FY) 2027-2031 specifications and management measures, as:

- Revise status determination criteria, as appropriate,
- Set FY2027 total allowable catches (TACs) for US/Canada management units of Eastern Georges Bank (GB) cod and Eastern GB haddock, and FY2027-FY2028 TACs for the GB yellowtail flounder stock,
- Set FY2027 specifications for GB cod and GB haddock,
- Set FY2027-FY2028 specifications for GB yellowtail flounder,
- Set FY2027-FY2031 specifications for Gulf of Maine (GOM) haddock, American plaice, witch flounder, pollock, northern windowpane flounder, southern windowpane flounder, and Atlantic halibut,
- Review sub-component analysis for stocks with revised specifications, and others as time permits,
- Review GB haddock sub-ACL in the mid-water trawl/herring fishery, set the sub-ACL at a fixed percentage amount, and discontinue the review requirement,
- Re-evaluate approach used for Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic (SNE/MA) yellowtail flounder scallop fishery sub-ACL,
- Modify the criteria for the provision of the southern windowpane flounder accountability measures to reduce the size of the AM area for the groundfish fishery and large-mesh non-groundfish trawl fisheries,
- Adjust administration of the B DAS Program and Closed Area II Yellowtail Flounder/Haddock SAP to change the default status, and
- Re-evaluate and potentially modify Atlantic halibut accountability measures (AMs).