

New England Fishery Management Council
Groundfish Committee Report
September Council Meeting – Gloucester, MA and by Webinar
September 23-25, 2025

Meeting Motions

Revised Amendment 25

Motion 1: [Committee Motion]

Move to approve and submit the revised Amendment 25 to GARFO, with the cod-specific measures as previously approved and submitted under Framework 69, including:

- Incorporating the four revised Atlantic cod stock units of Eastern Gulf of Maine (EGOM) cod, Western Gulf of Maine (WGOM) cod, Georges Bank (GB) cod, and Southern New England (SNE) cod into the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP),
- Status determination criteria for the four new cod stocks,
- Fishing Year (FY) 2026-2027 specifications for EGOM cod, WGOM cod, and SNE cod, and FY2026 specifications for GB cod,
- WGOM cod and SNE cod recreational sub-ACLs,
- WGOM cod ABC apportionment,
- Management uncertainty buffers for the four cod stocks,
- Common pool accountability measures (trimester TAC distributions and closure areas and baseline trip limits) for the four cod stocks,
- SNE cod recreational measures,
- Regulatory process for the Regional Administrator to adjust recreational measures for EGOM cod and GB cod