

New England Fishery Management Council

Outline and Timeline

Fishery Management Plan:

Northeast Multispecies (Groundfish)

Title of Action:

Framework Adjustment 63

Scope:

2022-2024 Specifications/Management Measures, to include:

- Set 2022 total allowable catches for US/Canada management units of Eastern Georges Bank (GB) cod and Eastern GB haddock, and 2022-2023 specifications for the GB yellowtail flounder stock,
- Set 2022-2024 specifications for GB cod and Gulf of Maine (GOM) cod, and possibly adjust 2022 specifications for GB haddock and GOM haddock,
- Adjust 2022 specifications for white hake based on the rebuilding plan,
- Adopt additional measures to promote stock rebuilding, and
- Develop alternatives to the current default system.

Objectives:

To meet regulatory requirements to prevent overfishing, ensure rebuilding, and help achieve optimum yield in the commercial and recreational groundfish fishery.

Range of Alternatives:

1. Updates to annual catch limits

- Specifications for six groundfish stocks (GB cod, GOM cod, GB haddock, GOM haddock, GB yellowtail flounder, and white hake)
- Total allowable catches for transboundary stocks
- Sub-annual catch limits for Atlantic Sea scallop, small-mesh multispecies, and herring fisheries
- Review and possibly adjust sub-components (other fisheries and state)
- Changes to default specification process

2. Commercial and Recreational Management

Additional measures to promote stock rebuilding

Timeline for Development of FW63 (*Additional meetings to be scheduled*)

2021	
MAY 26	Assessment Oversight Panel meets
JUN 23	Council initiates framework
JUL 12-14	TRAC assesses US/CA management units of EGB cod and EGB haddock, and the GB yellowtail flounder stock
JUL 20	PDT meets to develop draft measures and recommendations
AUG 2	PDT meets to develop draft measures and recommendations
AUG 5	Groundfish Committee meets to develop draft measures
AUG 18	Groundfish Committee meets to develop draft measures
AUG 25	SSC recommends OFLs/ABCs for GB yellowtail flounder and white hake
AUG 31-SEP 2	TMGC/SC recommends TACs for US/CA management units/stock
SEP 13-17	Management track assessments occur for GB cod and GOM cod
<i>TBD</i>	<i>RAP and GAP meets to develop recommendations on draft measures</i>
SEP 23	Groundfish Committee meets to develop draft measures
SEP 28-30	Council receives TMGC recommendations and reviews progress on developing draft alternatives
OCT 25	SSC recommends OFLs/ABCs for GB cod, GOM cod, GB haddock, and GOM haddock
<i>TBD</i>	<i>RAP, GAP, CMTE meets to recommend preferred alternatives</i>
DEC 7-9	Council receives draft alternatives and takes final action
2022	
JAN	Preliminary submission of framework document to NMFS
FEB	Final submission of framework document to NMFS
MAY	Target Implementation