

Framework Adjustment 57: *Specifications and Management Measures*

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Draft Framework Adjustment 57

DRAFT Scope:

- To incorporate any status changes for groundfish stocks and set specifications for all groundfish stocks for FY 2018 to FY 2020.
- To set specifications for FY 2018 for US/Canada stocks (Eastern Georges Bank cod, Eastern Georges Bank haddock, and Georges Bank yellowtail flounder).
- To evaluate the common pool trimester total allowable catches (TACs).
- To modify Atlantic halibut management.
- To modify the Southern windowpane flounder accountability measures for the large-mesh non-groundfish fisheries (e.g., scup and summer flounder).
- To revise the recreational management measures process.

DRAFT Objectives

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



Likely Range of Alternatives

1. Updates to ~~status determination criteria stock status and~~ annual catch limits

- ~~Revised status determination criteria~~
- Annual Catch Limits

2. Commercial and Recreational Fishery Management Measures

Commercial

- Revise common pool trimester TACs
- Modify Atlantic halibut management
- Modify Southern windowpane flounder accountability measures for the large-mesh non-groundfish fisheries

Recreational

- Revise the recreational management measures process

Strike-through text in this presentation reflects the recommendations of the Groundfish Committee on 11/9/17



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Council Motion (9/27/17), carried 17/0/0

To propose a prioritization of the management measures section of FW 57 (discontinuing PDT/Committee work for items with lowest priority if necessary due to time constraints)

1. To modify Atlantic halibut management.
2. To modify the Southern windowpane flounder accountability measures for the large-mesh non-groundfish fisheries (e.g., scup and summer flounder).
 - With the “Extension of FW52 provisions to large mesh non-groundfish trawl fisheries” of first priority in this section
3. To evaluate the common pool trimester total allowable catches (TACs).
4. To revise the recreational management measures process, with sub-Option 2B and 2C as the lowest priority for consideration.



Timeline- Upcoming Meetings

Action to be in place in time for May 1, 2018

NOV 14	Recreational Advisory Panel meeting
NOV 28	Groundfish Advisory Panel meeting
NOV 29	Groundfish Committee meeting
DEC 5-7	NEFMC- Takes final action on framework



Likely Range of Alternatives

4.1. Updates to ~~status determination criteria~~ stock status and annual catch limits

4.1.1 ~~Revised status determination criteria~~

- ~~4.1.1.1 Option 1: No Action~~
- ~~4.1.1.2 Option 2: Revised SDCs~~

4.1.2 Annual Catch Limits

- 4.1.2.1 Option 1: No Action
- 4.1.2.2 Option 2: Revised annual catch limit specifications



Likely Range of Alternatives

4.1. Updates to annual catch limits

4.1.2 Annual Catch Limits

4.1.2.2 Option 2: Revised annual catch limit specifications

Stock	OFL 2018	US ABC 2018	Rec ABC Percentage	Rec ABC	Rec ACL
Gulf of Maine Haddock	16,954	13,131	27.5%	3,611	3,358
Gulf of Maine Cod	938	703	33.7%	237	220

2017 Sub-ACLs

GOM haddock: 1,160 mt

GOM cod: 157 mt



Likely Range of Alternatives

4.3 Commercial and Recreational Fishery Measures

4.3.1 Commercial Fishery Measures – Accountability Measures

- 4.3.1.1 Atlantic halibut accountability measures for federal fisheries
 - 4.3.1.1.1 Option 1: No Action
 - 4.3.1.1.2 Option 2: Revised Atlantic halibut accountability measures for federal fisheries
 - Sub-Option 2A: Reactive AM of no possession would apply to all federal permit holders
 - ~~Sub-Option 2B: Modified gear restricted area off the Eastern Maine coast for all federal permit holders~~



Likely Range of Alternatives

4.3 Commercial and Recreational Fishery Measures

4.3.2 Recreational Fishery Measures

- 4.3.2.1 Option 1: No Action
- 4.3.2.2 Option 2: Revised recreational measures



Groundfish Committee Motions | 1/9/17

Using the most recent 5-year (CY2012-CY2016) average catch (landings and discards) from the 2017 operational assessment for Georges Bank cod for the recreational fishery, arrive at a catch target for fishing years 2018-2020 and task the Plan Development Team to work with the Recreational Advisory Panel to develop measures designed to meet the target, to possibly be used to modify management measures in Framework Adjustment 57 or as a basis for Emergency Action.

Motion carried. 9/1/0

The Groundfish Committee recommends the addition of a temporary administrative measure in Framework Adjustment 57 that allows the Regional Administrator to adjust the recreational measures for Georges Bank cod in consultation with the Council for FY2018 and FY2019 only.

Motion carried 9/1/0.



GB Cod Recreational Catch Target

Catch (mt)	Calendar Year					Recreational Average 12-16
	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	
Commercial landings	2,007	1,312	1,514	1,300	1,109	
Commercial discards	120	83	19	31	33	
Recreational landings	56	6	88	124	369	sum = 643
Recreational discards	1	1	2	15	30	sum = 49
Canadian landings	395	384	430	472	428	
Canadian discards	75	39	28	20	12	+ _____
Catch for Assessment	2,653	1,824	2,081	1,962	1,982	692
						5-yr avg 138.4



Outcomes For Today

- **Discuss the draft alternatives**
- **Make recommendations to the Groundfish Committee**

