

Framework Adjustment 56 Specifications and Management Measures

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Framework Adjustment 56



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Objectives

To meet regulatory requirements to prevent overfishing, ensure rebuilding, and help achieve optimum yield in the fishery. To evaluate an appropriate level of northern windowpane flounder catch in the scallop fishery. To evaluate an appropriate level of Georges Bank haddock catch in the mid-water Atlantic herring fishery.

These include regulatory requirements:

- Stock status changes, if any
- Specifications:
 - US/CA stocks – Georges Bank cod, haddock, and yellowtail flounder for FY 2017- FY 2018
 - Witch flounder for FY 2017 – FY 2019



Likely Range of Alternatives

4.1 Updates to status determination criteria and annual catch limits

4.1.1 Revised Status Determination Criteria (if any)

4.1.2 Annual Catch Limits

4.1.3 Establish a Sub-Annual Catch Limit for northern windowpane flounder for the scallop fishery

4.1.4 Increase the Sub-Annual Catch Limit for Georges Bank haddock for the Atlantic herring mid-water trawl fishery

4.2 Management measures for commercial and recreational fisheries

4.2.1 Revise the recreational management measures process

4.2.2 Modify Atlantic halibut management



Draft Timeline for Framework 56

2016-2017	June, 2016	Council initiates action
	Jul-Jan	Develop specifications and management measures
	Sep	Council receives an update on progress
	Oct-Jan	Develop NEPA analysis
	Nov	Council takes final action (except for witch flounder specifications)
	Jan, 2017	Council takes final action on witch flounder specifications



Recreational Measures Management Process – DRAFT

Council Staff White Paper July 27, 2016

- 1) Overview
- 2) The recreational measures management process for Gulf of Maine cod and haddock
- 3) Perspectives on the process
 - a) Recreational Advisors – 8/2 discussion
 - i) What had been addressed?
 - ii) What has not been addressed?
 - b) Groundfish Committee- 8/3 discussion
 - i) What had been addressed?
 - ii) What has not been addressed?
- 4) Approaches to addressing current concerns – 8/2 and 8/3 discussions
 - a) Regulatory process – via a Council action – what would be included as alternatives in FW 56?
 - b) Outside regulatory process- are there steps that can be taken to address process concerns independent of FW 56?
- 5) Appendices



Any questions?



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