

Framework Adjustment 56 Specifications and Management Measures

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Objectives

- To meet regulatory requirements to prevent overfishing, ensure rebuilding, and help achieve optimum yield in the commercial and recreational groundfish 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.
- To evaluate the trigger for the Georges Bank yellowtail flounder accountability measures for the scallop 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



Revised 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

- US/CA stocks and witch flounder, sub-component analysis for all stocks
- Establish a Sub-Annual Catch Limit for northern windowpane flounder for the scallop fishery
- Increase the Sub-Annual Catch Limit for Georges Bank haddock for the Atlantic herring mid-water trawl fishery
- Exception to the scallop fishery AM implementation policy for the GB yellowtail flounder stock

4.2 Management measures for the recreational fishery

4.2.1 Revise the recreational management measures process



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



Any questions?



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