

# 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



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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
<b>DEC 5-7</b>	<b>NEFMC- Takes final action on framework</b>



# 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 status determination criteria stock status and annual catch limits

### 4.1.2 Annual Catch Limits

#### 4.1.2.2 Option 2: Revised annual catch limit specifications

##### 4.1.2.2.1 Sub-Option 1: Updates to Common Pool Vessel Accountability Measures - Target (Trimester) Total Allowable Catch (TAC)

- 4.1.2.2.1.1 Option 1: No Action
- 4.1.2.2.1.2 Option 2: Revised common pool trimester TAC apportionments



# Likely Range of Alternatives

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

### 4.1.2 Annual Catch Limits

#### 4.1.2.2 Option 2: Revised annual catch limit specifications

##### 4.1.2.2.2 Sub-Option 2: Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Sub-ACL for Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic Yellowtail Flounder





# Annual Catch Limits- Scallop Sub-ACLs

<b>Stock</b>	<b>OFL 2018</b>	<b>US ABC 2018</b>	<b>Scallop ABC percentage</b>	<b>Scallop ABC</b>	<b>Scallop ACL</b>
GB Yellowtail Flounder	unknown	213	16%	34	33
SNE/MA Yellowtail Flounder	69	52			
Northern Windowpane Flounder	122	92	21%	19	18
Southern Windowpane Flounder	631	473	36%	170	158



# Annual Catch Limits- Small-mesh Sub-ACL

<b>Stock</b>	<b>OFL 2018</b>	<b>US ABC 2018</b>	<b>Small-Mesh ABC percentage</b>	<b>Small-Mesh ABC</b>	<b>Small-Mesh ACL</b>
GB Yellowtail Flounder	unknown	213	2%	4	4



# Annual Catch Limits- MWT Herring Sub-ACLs

<b>Stock</b>	<b>OFL 2018</b>	<b>US ABC 2018</b>	<b>MWT ABC Percentage</b>	<b>MWT ABC</b>	<b>MWT ACL</b>
Gulf of Maine Haddock	16,954	13,131	1.0%	131	122
Georges Bank Haddock	94,274	48,714	1.5%	731	680
<i>Georges Bank Haddock</i>	<i>94,274</i>	<i>48,714</i>	<i>2.0%</i>	<i>974</i>	<i>906</i>



# Likely Range of Alternatives

## 4.2. Fishery Program Administration

### 4.2.1 Authority for Common Pool Trimester TAC apportionment changes

4.2.1.1 Option 1: No action

4.2.1.2 Option 2: Broaden NMFS Authority to Modify Common Pool Trimester TACs and/or AM Closures



# 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

### 4.3.1 Commercial Fishery Measures – Accountability Measures

- 4.3.1.2 Southern windowpane flounder accountability measures for the large-mesh non-groundfish fisheries
  - 4.3.1.2.1 Option 1: No Action
  - 4.3.1.2.1 Option 2: Revised Southern Windowpane Flounder Accountability Measures for Large-Mesh Non-Groundfish Fisheries
    - 4.3.1.2.2.1 Sub-Option 2A: Extension of FW 52 Provisions to Large-Mesh Non-Groundfish Trawl Fisheries
    - 4.3.1.2.2.2 Sub-Option 2B: Modified gear restricted areas



# 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



## Outcomes For Today

- Discuss the draft alternatives
- Make recommendations to the Council

