Final Motions New England Fishery Management Council Meeting December 5-8, 2022 Hotel Viking, Newport, RI Hybrid meeting with remote participants

Monday, December 5, 2022

HABITAT COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Mr. Reid moved on behalf of the Committee: that the Council request NMFS maintain the Georges Bank Dedicated Habitat Research Area and associated mobile bottom tending gear restrictions for an additional three years.

The Council agreed by consensus with one abstention (Mr. Pentony).

Tuesday, December 6, 2022

GROUNDFISH COMMITTEE REPORT

Framework Adjustment 65 / Specifications and Management Measures

Action 1 - Rebuilding Plan for Gulf of Maine Cod

- 1. Mr. Bellavance moved on behalf of the Committee: that the Council selects as preferred under Section 4.1 Action 1 Formal Rebuilding Plan for Gulf of Maine Cod: Alternative 2 Revised Rebuilding Strategy for Gulf of Maine Cod, Option B. Ttarget of 10 years, rebuilding by 2033, at Frebuild of 70% FMSY= 0.121, which results in a 62% probability of achieving BMSY.
- 1a. Mr. Smith moved to amend and Mr. Alexander seconded: that the Council add and selects as preferred under Section 4.1 Action 1 Formal Rebuilding Plan for Gulf of Maine Cod: Alternative 2 Revised Rebuilding Strategy for Gulf of Maine Cod, Option D. Ttarget of 10 years, rebuilding by 2033 at Frebuild of 60% FMSY = 0.104.

The Council agreed by consensus.

The main motion:

That the Council add and selects as preferred under Section 4.1 Action 1-Formal Rebuilding Plan for Gulf of Maine Cod: Alternative 2 Revised Rebuilding Strategy for Gulf of Maine Cod, Option D. Ttarget of 10 years, rebuilding by 2033 at Frebuild of 60% FMSY = 0.104.

The Council agreed by consensus.

Action 2- Revised Specifications

2. Mr. Bellavance moved on behalf of the Committee:

that the Council selects as preferred under Section 4.2 Action 2 – Revised Specifications: Alternative 2- Revised Specifications for fishing years 2023 through 2025 with exception of white hake, Gulf of Maine haddock, and Georges Bank cod. The Council agreed by consensus.

3. Mr. Bellavance moved on behalf of the Committee:

that the Council selects as preferred under Section 4.2 Action 2 – Revised Specifications: Alternative 2- Revised Specifications Option B– Remove the management uncertainty buffer for sectors if the ASM target coverage rate is set at 90% or greater for fishing year 2023 and selecting both Option B1- Gulf of Maine haddock and Option B2 - White hake.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Mr. Gates, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Bellavance, Ms. Brawn, Ms. Etrie, Mr. Hansen, Ms. Patterson, Mr. Salerno, Ms. Ware, Mr. Olszewski, Mr. Pappalardo, Mr. Pierdinock, Ms. Griffin, Mr. Whelan and Mr. Tracy

No: Mr. Smith,

Abstain: Mr. Pentony

The motion *carried* on a roll call vote (15/1/1).

Gulf of Maine haddock

4. Mr. Bellavance moved and Ms. Etrie seconded:

that the Council:

- 1) Approve preliminary GOM haddock ABCs of 1,936 mt for 2023, 2,038 mt for 2024 and 2,017 mt for 2025 as recommended by SSC and
- 2) Request the SSC develop an additional alternative for the 2023-2025 ABCs for GOM haddock up to 90% FMSY taking into consideration the Council's Risk Policy and National Standard 1 guidelines for phasing-in changes to ABCs. The Council accepts any revised SSC recommendations without discussion.
- 4a. Ms. Griffin moved to substitute and Mr. Pappalardo seconded: that the Council set the FY2023-2025 ABCs for GOM haddock based on 75% Fmsy as recommended by the SSC:

FY2023: OFL of 2,515mt and ABC of 1,936mt FY2024: OFL of 2,655mt and ABC of 2,038mt

FY2025: OFL of 2,627mt and ABC of 2,017mt

The Council agreed by consensus.

The Main Motion:

That the Council set the FY2023-2025 ABCs for GOM haddock based on 75% Fmsy as

FY2023: OFL of 2,515mt and ABC of 1,936mt FY2024: OFL of 2,655mt and ABC of 2,038mt FY2025: OFL of 2,627mt and ABC of 2,017mt

The Council agreed by consensus.

5. Mr. Bellavance moved on behalf of the Committee:

that the Council set the FY2023 ABC for white hake at 1,897 mt per the SSC recommendation in Framework 65. Further, the Council requests the SSC consider an alternative ABC for white hake which deviates from the 70% F(MSY) rebuilding plan for FY2024 and FY2025 based on 75% F(MSY). The SSC should weigh risks to rebuilding progress as analyzed in Framework 61 along with socio-economic impacts in a multispecies fishery

5a. Mr. Pentony moved to amend and Ms. Patterson seconded:

that the Council set the FY2023 ABC for white hake at 1,897 mt per the SSC recommendation in Framework 65. The Council requests the SSC evaluate a modification to the rebuilding plan that uses 75% of Fmsy in FY 2024 and FY 2025. The SSC should weigh risks to rebuilding progress as analyzed in Framework 61 along with socioeconomic impacts in a multi-species fishery, and if warranted propose revised FY 2024 and FY 2025 ABCs that would be adopted in a future action.

The Council agreed by consensus.

The main motion:

That the Council set the FY2023 ABC for white hake at 1,897 mt per the SSC recommendation in Framework 65. The Council requests the SSC evaluate a modification to the rebuilding plan that uses 75% of Fmsy in FY 2024 and FY 2025. The SSC should weigh risks to rebuilding progress as analyzed in Framework 61 along with socioeconomic impacts in a multi-species fishery, and if warranted propose revised FY2024 and FY2025 ABCs that would be adopted in a future action.

The Council agreed by consensus.

6. Ms. Etrie moved and Mr. Salerno seconded:

Gulf of Maine cod ABC: That the Council select as the preferred alternative in Section 4.2.2 Alternative 2 Revised Specifications Option A2: Set the Georges Bank cod ABC for FY2023 and FY2024 at 904 mt.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Mr. Whelan, Mr. Tracy, Ms. Griffin, Mr. Pierdinock, Mr. Pappalardo, Mr. Olszewski, Ms. Ware, Mr. Salerno, Ms. Patterson, Mr. Hansen, Ms. Etrie, Ms. Brawn, Mr. Bellavance, Mr. Alexander and Mr. Gates,

No: Mr. Smith and Mr. Pentony

Abstain:

The motion *carried* on a roll call vote (15/2/0).

7. Mr. Bellavance moved on behalf of the Committee:

that Council selects as preferred under Section 4.2 Action 2 – Revised Specifications: Alternative 3 – Recreational Catch Target for Georges Bank Cod, Option 5 Revised Recreational GB Cod Catch Target Based on a Reduction of Recent Catches.

7a. Mr. Bellavance moved to substitute and Mr. Pierdinock seconded:

that the Council selects as preferred under Section 4.2 Action 2 – Revised Specifications: Alternative 3 – Recreational Catch Target for Georges Bank Cod, Option 4: Revised Recreational GB Cod Catch Target Based on Recent Percentage of US Fisheries Catches.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Mr. Gates, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Bellavance, Ms. Patterson, Mr. Olszewski, Mr. Pierdinock and Mr. Whelan,

No: Ms. Brawn, Ms. Etrie, Mr. Hansen, Mr. Salerno, Ms. Ware, Mr. Pappalardo, Mr.

Smith, Mr. Tracy and Ms. Griffin

Abstain: Mr. Pentony

The motion *failed* on a roll call (7/9/1).

Main Motion:

that Council selects as preferred under Section 4.2 Action 2 – Revised Specifications: Alternative 3 – Recreational Catch Target for Georges Bank Cod, Option 5 Revised Recreational GB Cod Catch Target Based on a Reduction of Recent Catches

The Council agreed by consensus.

Action 3 - ABC Control Rules

8. Mr. Bellavance moved on behalf of the Committee:

that the Council removes ABC control rules from further consideration in FW65 and identifies completion of the multi-year priority to revise Groundfish ABC control rules as the highest priority of the Groundfish Committee, with a modification that it occurs through a facilitated process between the SSC, Groundfish PDT, and Groundfish Committee with anticipated work occurring in early 2023.

8a. Mr. Pentony moved to split the motion and Ms. Etrie seconded:

that the Council removes ABC control rules from further consideration in Framework Adjustment 65.

The Council agreed by consensus.

8b. Ms. Etrie moved and Mr. Bellavance seconded to postpone to a time certain (until priorities discussion on Thursday): that the Council identifies completion of the multi-year priority to revise Groundfish ABC control rules as the highest priority of the Groundfish Committee, with a modification that it occurs through a facilitated process between the SSC, Groundfish Plan Development Team, and Groundfish Committee with anticipated work occurring in early 2023.

The Council agreed by consensus.

Action 4 – Additional Measures to Promote Stock Rebuilding of Gulf of Maine Cod

9. Ms. Etrie moved and Mr. Bellavance seconded:
GOM Cod Rebuilding: That the Council removes additional measures to promote stock rebuilding of Gulf of Maine cod from further consideration in Framework Adjustment 65.

The Council agreed by consensus.

Action 5 – Additional Measures to Promote Stock Rebuilding of Georges Bank Cod

- 10. Mr. Salerno moved and Ms. Etrie seconded: that the Council select as the preferred alternative in Section 4.5 Action 5 Commercial and Recreational Fishery Management Measures Georges Bank cod: Alternative 2 Additional Measures to Promote Georges Bank Cod Stock Rebuilding. This is a temporary performance-based modification to the AMs for sectors and common pool, for fishing years 2023 through 2025, for GB cod when an overage of the total ACL is due to vessels other than sectors and common pool.
- 10a. Ms. Etrie moved to amend and Ms. Ware seconded: that the Council select as the preferred alternative in Section 4.5 Action 5 Commercial and Recreational Fishery Management Measures Georges Bank cod: revised to read Alternative 2. Temporary modification to the AMs for GB cod. Applies to sectors and common pool, for AMs applied to fishing years 2023 through 2025, for GB cod when an overage of the total ACL is due to vessels other than sectors and common pool.

The Council agreed by consensus.

Main Motion:

that the Council select as the preferred alternative in Section 4.5 Action 5 – Commercial and Recreational Fishery Management Measures – Georges Bank cod: revised to read Alternative 2. Temporary modification to the AMs for GB cod. Applies to sectors and common pool, for AMs applied to fishing years 2023 through 2025, for GB cod when an overage of the total ACL is due to vessels other than sectors and common pool.

The Council agreed by consensus.

11. Mr. Bellavance moved and Ms. Etrie seconded: that the Council submits Framework Adjustment 65 to GARFO, as amended today.

The motion *carried* with one abstention (Mr. Pentony).

Wednesday, December 7, 2022

MONKFISH COMMITTEE REPORT

- 1. Ms. Etrie moved on behalf of the Committee: the Ismooth model has deficiencies and may be unsuitable to the monkfish fishery. The Council remands the SSC recommendation for FY2023-2025 monkfish ABCs back to the SSC for reconsideration.
- 1a. Ms. Etrie moved to substitute and Mr. Pappalardo seconded: as a special exception for our current discussion re. FY 2023-2025 Monkfish ABCs, move to suspend the council procedures re. remands to the SSC.

The motion to substitute carried (15/1/1).

Main motion:

As a special exception for our current discussion re. FY 2023-2025 Monkfish ABCs, move to suspend the council procedures re. remands to the SSC.

The Council agreed by consensus with one abstention (Mr. Pentony).

2. Ms. Etrie moved and Mr. Pappalardo seconded:

to accept the SSC ABC recommendations for FY 2023-2025 (for both areas) and to remand the Monkfish ABCs for both areas back to the SSC to facilitate a transition to the appropriate application of I-Smooth for monkfish stocks. Specifically, we request that the SSC consider setting ABCs for the FY 2023-2025 as the average of the I-Smooth approach (multipliers applied to recent 3 year catch) and the recent ABC approach (Multipliers applied to the recent ABCs). Further, the Council notes that application of I-Smooth multipliers should be revisited during the next monkfish assessment.

The Council agreed by consensus.

3. Ms. Etrie moved on behalf of the Committee: for Action 2 (Effort Controls), move all alternatives to Considered but Rejected.

The motion *fails* unanimously.

4. Ms. Etrie moved and Mr. Pappalardo seconded: that the Council direct the PDT to prepare alternatives for effort controls that would be consistent with a new SSC ABC recommendation.

The Council agreed by consensus.

5. Ms. Etrie moved and Ms. Brawn seconded: that Alternative 3 Reduce NFMA permit Category C & D incidental possession limits be moved to considered but rejected.

The Council agreed by consensus with one abstention (Mr. Pentony).

6. Mr. Bellavance moved and Mr. Olszewski seconded: to add an alternative with a range from 10% to 20% reduction to daily trip limits for category A,B,C,D and H while on a Monkfish DAS in the Southern New England fishery management area.

The motion was withdrawn by its maker.

7. Ms. Etrie moved on behalf of the Committee: for Action 3 (Gillnet Mesh), Alternative 2 (increasing mesh size) should be revised to have the implementation of this measure delayed until FY 2026 (i.e., not FY 2025 as stated in the Framework). The Council recommends that Alternative 2, Option B (12" minimum) be the preferred alternative.

The Council agreed by consensus.

SCALLOP COMMITTEE REPORT

Framework 36

Action 1 - Overfishing Limit and Acceptable Biological Catch

8. Ms. Griffin moved on behalf of the Committee: that the Council select in Action 1 – Overfishing Limit and Acceptable Biological Catch, Alternative 2 (4.1.2), updated OFL and ABC for FY2023 and FY2024, as preferred.

The Council agreed by consensus.

Action 2 – Northern Gulf of Maine Management and TAL Setting

- 9. Ms. Griffin moved on behalf of the Committee: that the Council select in Action 2, Northern Gulf of Maine Management and TAL Setting, Alternative 2, Option 3 (4.2.2.3), Set NGOM TAL, with set-asides to support research, monitoring, and a directed LAGC fishery; and set NGOM TAL at F=0.15 using Stellwagen, Ipswich, and Jeffreys Ledge, as preferred.
 - The 2023 NGOM TAL would be 434,311 pounds
 - The 2023 NGOM Set-Aside would be 380,855 pounds.
 - The 2024 default NGOM Set-Aside would be 285,641 pounds.

- 9a. Mr. Tracy moved to amend and ## seconded: that the Council select in Action 2, Northern Gulf of Maine Management and TAL Setting, Alternative 2, Option 4 (4.2.2.4), Set NGOM TAL, with set-asides to support research, monitoring, and a directed LAGC fishery; and set NGOM TAL at F=0.18 using Stellwagen, Ipswich, and Jeffreys Ledge, as preferred.
 - The 2023 NGOM TAL would be 511,472 pounds
 - The 2023 NGOM Set-Aside would be 458,061 pounds.
 - The 2024 default NGOM Set-Aside would be 343,512 pounds.

Motion failed due to lack of a second.

Main motion:

that the Council select in Action 2, Northern Gulf of Maine Management and TAL Setting, Alternative 2, Option 3 (4.2.2.3), Set NGOM TAL, with set-asides to support research, monitoring, and a directed LAGC fishery; and set NGOM TAL at F=0.15 using Stellwagen, Ipswich, and Jeffreys Ledge, as preferred.

- The 2023 NGOM TAL would be 434,311 pounds
- The 2023 NGOM Set-Aside would be 380,855 pounds.
- The 2024 default NGOM Set-Aside would be 285,641 pounds.

The Council agreed by consensus.

Action 3 – Fishery Specifications

10. Ms. Griffin moved on behalf of the Committee:

that the Council select in Action 3, Fishery Specifications, Alternative 3, Option 2 (4.3.3.2), two access area trips in Area II with 12,000-pound trip limit, with 24 DAS as preferred. This would allocate the following access area trips and days at sea to full-time limited access permit holders:

- Two trips to Area II (24,000 pounds), 12,000 pound trip limit.
- 24 Days at Sea (F=0.51).

The Council agreed by consensus with one abstention (Mr. Pentony).

Action 4 – Access Area Trip Allocations to the LAGC IFQ Component

11. Ms. Griffin moved on behalf of the Committee:

that the Council select in Action 4, Alternative 2 (4.4.2), Update LAGC IFQ Access Area Trip Allocations, Distribute Area II Access Area Allocation to the Nantucket Lightship North and Area II. The total access area trip allocations for the LAGC IFQ for FY 2023 would be 571.

The Council agreed by consensus.

Action 5 – Measures to Reduce Northern Windowpane Bycatch

12. Ms. Griffin moved and Ms. Etrie seconded: that Section 4.5 measures to reduce windowpane bycatch on Georges Bank be moved to considered but rejected.

Motion carried (16/1/0).

13. Ms. Griffin moved and Mr. Hansen seconded: to submit Framework 36 to the Scallop FMP to NMFS, as modified and recommended by the Council today.

The Council agreed by consensus with one abstention (Mr. Pentony).

Thursday, December 8, 2022

SPINY DOGFISH

2023 Specifications

1. Ms. Griffin moved on behalf of the Committee: that the Council use a 5% management uncertainty buffer with the other specifications used by the Monitoring Committee to result in an 11.2-million-pound commercial quota.

Specifications	2023	
	mil pounds	metric tons
OFL (from SSC)	na	na
ABC (from SSC)	17.2	7,788
Canadian Landings	0.1	37
Domestic ABC	17.1	7,751
ACL = ABC	17.1	7,751
Mgmt Uncert Buffer	5%	5%
Amount of buffer	0.9	388
ACT (minus buffer)	16.2	7,363
U.S. Discards	4.6	2,088
TAL (minus discards)	11.6	5,275
U.S. Rec Landings	0.5	214
Com Quota (Minus Rec)	11.2	5,061

1a. Mr. Pappalardo moved to amend and Mr. Salerno seconded: that the management uncertainty buffer be set to 0% and with the other specification used by the Monitoring Committee to result in a 12-million-pound commercial quota.

The Council agreed by consensus with one abstention (Mr. Pentony).

Main motion:

That the management uncertainty buffer be set to 0% and with the other specification used by the Monitoring Committee to result in a 12-million-pound commercial quota.

The Council agreed by consensus with one abstention (Mr. Pentony).

NATIONAL SALTWATER RECREATIONAL FISHERY POLICY

2. Mr. Bellavance moved and Ms. Patterson seconded: that the Council approves the draft comment letter on the National Saltwater Recreational Fishing Policy.

The Council agreed by consensus with one abstention (Mr. Pentony).

2023 COUNCIL PRIORITIES

- 3. Mr. Bellavance moved and Ms. Ware seconded: that the Council approves the Executive Committee recommendations for 2023 priorities.
- 3a. Ms. Etrie moved to amend Mr. Pappalardo seconded: to complete Monkfish Framework 13.

The Council agreed by consensus.

3b. Ms. Patterson moved to amend and Ms. Etrie seconded: to include in protected species in Red Crab to reduce vertical line.

The Council agreed by consensus.

- 3c. Ms. Ware moved to amend and Ms. Patterson seconded: to not include the EBFM priority "Begin development of a fully public stakeholder engaged MSE".
- 3d. Ms. Etrie moved to amend and Ms. Ware seconded: that the Council identifies completion of the multi-year priority to revise Groundfish ABC control rules as the highest priority of the Groundfish Committee, with a modification that it occurs through a facilitated process between the SSC, Groundfish Plan Development Team, and Groundfish Committee with anticipated work occurring in early 2023.
- 3e. Ms. Ware moved to amend Mr. Bellavance seconded: to add request the SSC to evaluate white hake rebuilding.

The Council agreed by consensus.

3f. Mr. Alexander moved and Ms. Patterson seconded:
Move that the Council amend the Atlantic Herring priority Coordination with MAFMC,
ASMFC on various herring issues (RH/S, etc.), including actions in response to 2023
assessment, to include an analysis to investigate what combination of factors (e.g.,
sampling intensity, estimation methodology, inherent assumptions) may have led to

low 2020-2022 GARFO shad/river herring bycatch estimates in the Atlantic herring fishery.

The Council agreed by consensus.

3g. Mr. Pappalardo moved to amend and Mr. Pierdinock seconded: to revisit Amendment 8 inshore midwater trawl closure.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Mr. Aarrestad, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Bellavance, Ms. Brawn, Ms. Patterson, Mr. Olszewski, Mr. Pappalardo, Mr. Pierdinock, Mr. Smith, Mr. Tracy and Mr. Whelan No: Ms. Etrie, Mr. Hansen, Mr. Salerno, Ms. Ware and Ms. Griffin Abstain: Mr. Pentony

The motion carried on a roll call vote (11/5/1).

3h. Ms. Brawn moved to amend and Mr. Smith seconded: that the Council does not pursue the Herring Spawning Framework in 2023.

The Council agreed by consensus.

3i. Mr. Hansen moved to amend and Ms. Griffin seconded: develop an action for access to Northern Edge HMA, including development of access area program for modified area" as a 2023 work priority to allow harvest by 2025.

Remove as a 2023 priority:

"Develop long-term (3-5 year) strategic plan for managing scallop fishery; MSE may be suggested by strategic plan, but plan will not be tested with MSE before approval".

Friendly amendment:

The Scallop and Habitat Committees will develop an action for access to Northern Edge HMA, including development of access area program for modified area" as a 2023 work priority.

Remove as a 2023 priority:

"Develop long-term (3-5 year) strategic plan for managing scallop fishery; MSE may be suggested by strategic plan, but plan will not be tested with MSE before approval".

3j. Ms. Brawn moved to further amend and ## seconded:

The Scallop Committee will develop an action for access to Northern Edge HMA, including development of access area program for modified area" as a 2023 work priority with the intention of forwarding the habitat Committee for 2024 priorities.

Motion *failed* due to lack of a second.

Main Motion:

The Scallop and Habitat Committees will develop an action for access to Northern Edge HMA, including development of access area program for modified area" as a 2023 work priority.

Remove as a 2023 priority:

"Develop long-term (3-5 year) strategic plan for managing scallop fishery; MSE may be suggested by strategic plan, but plan will not be tested with MSE before approval".

The Council agreed by consensus.

Main Motion:

that the Council approves the Executive Committee recommendations for 2023 priorities as amended today.

For Monkfish

Complete Monkfish Framework 13.

For Red Crab

Include in protected species Red Crab to reduce vertical line.

For EBFM

to not include the EBFM priority "Begin development of a fully public stakeholder engaged MSE".

For Groundfish

that the Council identifies completion of the multi-year priority to revise Groundfish ABC control rules as the highest priority of the Groundfish Committee, with a modification that it occurs through a facilitated process between the SSC, Groundfish Plan Development Team, and Groundfish Committee with anticipated work occurring in early 2023.

To add request the SSC to evaluate white hake rebuilding.

For Herring

Amend the Atlantic Herring priority Coordination with MAFMC, ASMFC on various herring issues (River Herring/Shad, etc.), including actions in response to 2023 assessment, to include an analysis to investigate what combination of factors (e.g., sampling intensity, estimation methodology, inherent assumptions) may have led to low 2020-2022 GARFO shad/river herring bycatch estimates in the Atlantic herring fishery.

To revisit Amendment 8 inshore midwater trawl closure.

Not pursue the Herring Spawning Framework in 2023.

For Northern Edge

The Scallop and Habitat Committees will develop an action for access to Northern Edge HMA, including development of access area program for modified area" as a 2023 work priority.

Remove as a 2023 priority:

"Develop long-term (3-5 year) strategic plan for managing scallop fishery; MSE may be suggested by strategic plan, but plan will not be tested with MSE before approval".

The Council agreed by consensus.

OTHER BUSINESS

4. Mr. Bellavance moved on behalf of the Groundfish Committee: that the Council send a letter to NMFS Headquarters and GARFO highlighting the critical concern raised during the 2022 Management Track Assessment Peer Review regarding the impacts that reductions in port sampling for individual lengths and age structures is having on the stock assessment enterprise and requesting that they develop alternative approaches to collecting length at age information, including but not limited to NEFOP observers, At-Sea Monitors, and Dockside Monitors.

The Council agreed by consensus with one abstention, (Mr. Pentony).

5. Mr. Bellavance moved on behalf of the Groundfish Committee: that the Council supports a modification in the stock assessment schedule to accommodate a white hake management track update in 2023. The white hake update should follow a Level 3 Enhanced Review to accommodate the recommendations under the 2022 Management Track Peer Review Panel Report and the Scientific and Statistical Committee report dated 11/23/2022.

The Council agreed by consensus with one abstention (Mr. Pentony).

6. Mr. Olszewski moved on behalf of the Skate Committee: to recommend that the Council write a letter to the Northeast Region Coordinating Council to keep the management track assessment for skates on its scheduled timeline of summer 2023.

The Council agreed by consensus with one abstention (Mr. Pentony).