

Monkfish Committee Motions

April 7, 2015

1. **Motion:** to advise the PDT to revise alternative 1.1.1 (Allow vessels to declare a Northeast Multispecies DAS at sea - Option 5) to allow category C and D sector vessels in the NFMA to declare a NE multispecies DAS while at sea (Mr. T. Alexander/Mr. Balzano).

The motion **carried** on a show of hands (11/0/0).

2. **Motion:** to move alternative 1.1.1 (Allow vessels to declare a Northeast Multispecies DAS at sea) Option 2 (all limited access Monkfish C, D and H permits in SFMA and NFMA) and Option 3 (sector vessels holding limited access Monkfish C, D and H permits in SFMA and NFMA) to considered but rejected to further clarify to the PDT that this alternative addresses the NFMA only. (Ms. Nolan/Mr. Kaelin)

The motion **carried** on a show of hands (11/0/0).

- 2a. **Motion to reconsider** motion #2 that would move alternative 1.1.1 (Allow vessels to declare a Northeast Multispecies DAS at sea) Option 2 (all limited access Monkfish C, D and H permits in SFMA and NFMA) and Option 3 (sector vessels holding limited access Monkfish C, D and H permits in SFMA and NFMA) to considered but rejected (Ms. Etrie/Mr. Preble)

The motion to reconsider **carried** on a show of hands (7/4/0).

- 2b. **Motion as reconsidered:** to move alternative 1.1.1 (Allow vessels to declare a Northeast Multispecies DAS at sea) Option 2 (all limited access Monkfish C, D and H permits in SFMA and NFMA) and Option 3 (sector vessels holding limited access Monkfish C, D and H permits in SFMA and NFMA) to considered but rejected to further clarify to the PDT that this alternative addresses the NFMA only.

The motion as reconsidered **carried** on a show of hands (8/2/1).

3. **Motion:** move that alternative 1.1.3 (Increase monkfish-only DAS based on higher groundfish common pool DAS counting) be moved to considered but rejected (Mr. Kaelin/Mr. T. Alexander)

The motion **carried** on a show of hands (11/0/0).

4. **Motion:** to include, in Framework 9, an alternative that would use a “running clock”, also known as an overage adjustment, to allow monkfish category F permit holders to harvest their cumulative trip limits. (Ms. Nolan/Mr. T. Alexander)

The motion **failed** on a show of hands (5/6/0).

5. **Motion:** instruct the PDT to explore options for an optimal category F trip limit and DAS ratio (Mr. Ruccio/Mr. T. Alexander)

The motion **carried** on a show of hands (11/0/0).

6. **Motion:** to focus the analysis of alternative 1.2.1 (Northern Area Monkfish Trip Limit on a Groundfish DAS) to monkfish category C and D permit vessels only (Mr. T. Alexander/Mr. Balzano)

The motion **carried** on a show of hands (11/0/0).

7. **Motion:** to add, to Framework 9, an alternative to allow the use of less than 10” mesh standup gillnet on monkfish only DAS in the SFMA only (Ms. Nolan/Mr. Kaelin)

The motion was **withdrawn**.

8. **Motion:** to direct the PDT to develop, for Framework 9, alternatives for consideration with the intent to allow vessels on monkfish only or monkfish/NE multispecies DAS to allow the retention of legal sized monkfish and legal fish, including dogfish, from less than 10” mesh in standup gillnets. (Mr. Ruccio/Mr. Kaelin)

- 8a. **Motion to amend:** to direct the PDT to develop, for Framework 9, alternatives for consideration with the intent to allow vessels on monkfish only or monkfish/NE multispecies DAS to allow retention of legal sized monkfish and legal fish including dogfish from 6” mesh or greater in standup gillnets (Ms. Etrie/Mr. Preble)

The motion to amend **failed** on a show of hands (4/7/0).

The main motion **carried** on a show of hands (11/0/0).

9. **Motion:** to direct the PDT to provide suggestions on an appropriate monitoring program for the use of less than 10” mesh on standup gillnets to keep track of sub-legal monkfish and other bycatch species (Mr. Ruccio/Dr. McKenzie)

The motion **carried** on a show of hands (11/0/0).

10. **Motion:** to accept the RSA priorities as drafted (Dr. McKenzie/Mr. T. Alexander)

The motion **carried** on a show of hands (11/0/0).