

New England Fishery Management Council

Monkfish Advisory Panel motions

Revere, MA

September 18, 2019

Meeting Motions

Specifications for FYs 2020-2022

Motion 1: Rainone/Muto

recommend to the Committee to select as preferred alternative 1 (No Action specifications) for FYs2020-2022 for the SFMA only

Motion 1 *carried* 7/0/0

Motion 2: Muto/McCann

recommend to the Committee to select as preferred alternative 2 (revised specifications) for FYs2020-2022 for the NFMA

Motion 2 *carried* 7/0/0

Consensus statement – The AP agreed to status quo effort controls in both the NFMA and SFMA for FYs 2020-2022.

Priorities

Motion 3: Hansen/Rainone

to request the Committee add to the list of 2020 priorities an additional management action (to set specifications and associated measures) that would revisit the discard estimates (effort and discard mortality research) for the NFMA and SFMA

Motion 3 *carried* 7/0/0

The AP also recommended adding management actions to address latent effort in the fishery and the re-declaration from a monkfish DAS to a monkfish RSA DAS while at sea to the 2020 priority list.