

New England Fishery Management Council
Recreational Advisory Panel
Wakefield, Massachusetts
January 21, 2020

DRAFT Meeting Motions

Recreational Measures for Fishing Year 2020: Gulf of Maine cod and Gulf of Maine haddock

Motion 1: Paquette/Cunningham

The Recreational Advisory Panel recommends to the Groundfish Committee for fishing year 2020 recreational measures:

- Gulf of Maine cod
 - Open Season: September 15-30 and April 1-14
 - Bag Limit: 1 fish
 - Minimum Size: 21 inches
- Gulf of Maine haddock
 - Open Season: May 1 – February 28 and April 1-30
 - Bag Limit: 15 fish
 - Minimum Size: 17 inches

Motion 1a: Plaia/DePersia

To amend, such that:

the Recreational Advisory Panel recommends to the Groundfish Committee for fishing year 2020 recreational measures:

- Gulf of Maine cod
 - Open Season: September 15-30 and April 1-14
 - Bag Limit: 1 fish
 - Minimum Size: 21 inches
- Gulf of Maine haddock
 - Open Season: year-round
 - Bag Limit: 20 fish
 - Minimum Size: 17 inches

Motion 1a to amend Motion 1 *failed* 1/10/0.

Motion 1 *carried* 7/4/0.

Motion 2: Tower/Sterritt

The Recreational Advisory Panel recommends to the Groundfish Committee for fishing year 2020 recreational measures an additional model run for possible consideration/recommendation and to be brought in time for the Groundfish Committee meeting:

- Gulf of Maine cod
 - Open Season: September 15- October 14
 - Bag Limit: 1 fish
 - Minimum Size: 21 inches
- Gulf of Maine haddock
 - Open Season: May 1 – February 28 and April 15 - 30
 - Bag Limit: 15 fish
 - Minimum Size: 17 inches

Motion 2 *failed* 2/8/1.

Motion 3: Gibson/Pierdinock

The Recreational Advisory Panel recommends to the Groundfish Committee for fishing year 2020 recreational measures an additional model run for possible consideration/recommendation and to be brought in time for the Groundfish Committee meeting: an opening of Gulf of Maine cod in August for as many consecutive dates as possible (rather than the proposed September opening).

Motion 3 *carried* 11/0/0.

Motion 4: Pierdinock/Gibson

The Recreational Advisory Panel recommends to the Groundfish Committee for fishing year 2020 and future years recreational measures: the development of separate measures by mode (party, charter, and private):

- Develop a catch target for party/charter [using a variation of previous approach presented a few meetings back] and
- With an option for May and September opening for Gulf of Maine cod for party/charter

Motion 4 *failed* 4/7/0.

Motion 5: Niland/Pierdinock

The Recreational Advisory Panel recommends to the Groundfish Committee for fishing year 2020 recreational measures an additional model run for possible consideration/recommendation and to be brought in time for the Groundfish Committee meeting: an opening of Gulf of Maine cod in mid-August through the end of September for as many weekends (Friday-Sunday) as possible (rather than the proposed September opening for cod), which would be up to 21 days open.

Motion 5 *carried* 7/3/1.

Consensus Statement #1:

The Recreational Advisory Panel ranks, in order of priority, the following options for an open season for Gulf of Maine cod:

- September 15-30 and April 1-14
- August for as many consecutive days as possible
- Mid-August to September, for as many weekends (Friday-Sunday) as possible
- Status Quo: September 15-30

By *consensus* and *without objection*.

Other Business

Motion 6: Tower/Paquette

The Recreational Advisory Panel recommends to the Groundfish Committee to increase the recreational Atlantic halibut possession to 2 legal-sized fish (from 1 fish), with no changes to other measures.

Motion 6 *carried* 11/0/0.