

**Northeast Multispecies (Groundfish) Fishery Management Plan
Framework Adjustment 74 – Specifications and Management Measures
[To be Initiated]**

June 11, 2026

DRAFT Alternatives Outline

4.0 DRAFT ALTERNATIVES UNDER CONSIDERATION

4.1 Action 1 – Status Determination Criteria (*if necessary*)

Alternative 1 – No Action

Alternative 2 – Updated Status Determination Criteria

4.2 Action 2 – Specifications

Alternative 1 – No Action

Alternative 2 – Revised Specifications

- FY2027 total allowable catches (TACs) for US/Canada management units of Eastern Georges Bank (GB) cod and Eastern GB haddock, and FY2027-FY2028 TACs for the GB yellowtail flounder stock,
- FY2027 specifications for GB cod and GB haddock,
- FY2027-FY2028 specifications for GB yellowtail flounder
- FY2027-FY2031 specifications for Gulf of Maine (GOM) haddock, American plaice, witch flounder, pollock, northern windowpane flounder, southern windowpane flounder, and Atlantic halibut,
- Sub-component analysis for stocks with revised specifications, and others as time permits,
- Review of GB haddock sub-ACL in the mid-water trawl/herring fishery,
- Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic (SNE/MA) yellowtail flounder scallop fishery sub-ACL [re-evaluate approach used in FW72 with updated data]

4.3 Action 3 – Commercial Fishery Management Measures – Southern Windowpane Flounder Accountability Measures

Alternative 1 – No Action

Alternative 2 – Simplify the Criteria for Reducing the Size of the AM Area

- Simplify the criteria to reduce the size of the AM area so that if the Large AM Area has been triggered and the stock is rebuilt, only the Small AM Area is implemented – for the Groundfish Fishery and Large-Mesh Non-Groundfish Trawl Fisheries