

Recreational Gulf of Maine Cod and Haddock Fishery: Potential FY 2016 Management Measures

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Proactive Accountability Measures

Framework Adjustment 48 revised the proactive recreational accountability measures (AMs)

- Regional Administrator (RA) may adjust measures to ensure the fishery will achieve, but not exceed, its sub-ACL.
- To the extent possible, changes would be made before the fishing year begins.
- The RA would consult with the Council (or Council's designee) to tell what measures are under consideration.

Proactive Accountability Measures

- The Council provided guidance on its preference of measures that NMFS should consider if additional recreational effort controls are necessary to reduce GOM cod or GOM haddock catches:
 - Cod: increases to minimum fish sizes, then adjustments to seasons, followed by changes to bag limits.
 - Haddock: increases to minimum size limits, then changes to bag limits, and adjustments to seasons last.
- The Council's guidance does not restrict NMFS's discretion in selecting management measures that would best achieve, but not exceed, the recreational sub-ACL.

Proactive Accountability Measures

- The Council would provide its Recreational Advisory Panel (RAP) an opportunity to meet and discuss the proposed management measures, if time allows.
- These AMs require development in consultation with the Council, because the appropriate suite of measures (e.g., bag limit, minimum fish size, season) depends on the ACL specified.

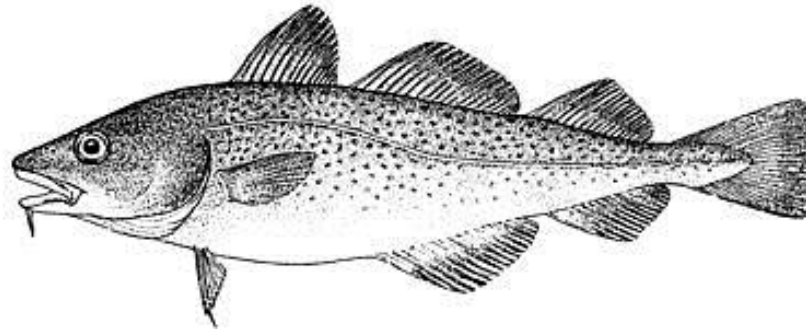
Process Overview

- The Recreational Advisory Panel (RAP) met on November 17 and reviewed the possible proactive AMs for FY 2016 and made recommendations.
- The Groundfish Committee met on November 18 and reviewed the recommendations of the RAP and possible proactive AMs for FY 2016 made recommendations.
- Today, the Council will review the RAP and Committee recommendations, and develop Council recommendations to NMFS for proactive AMs for GOM cod and GOM haddock for FY 2016.

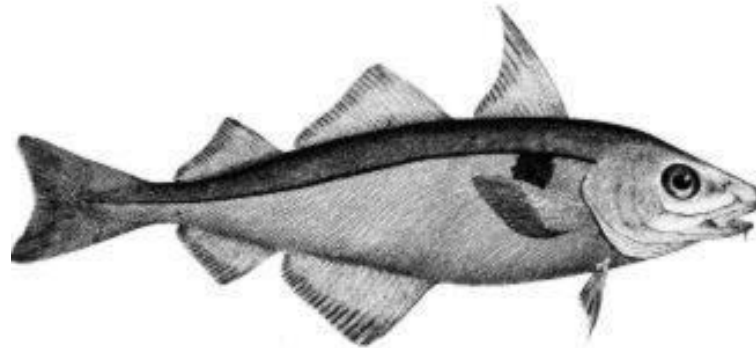
Possible FY 2015 Recreational Sub-ACLs

from draft Framework Adjustment 55:

157 mt for Gulf of Maine cod



928 mt for Gulf of Maine haddock



Possible Changes in Recreational sub-ACLs (mt)

Stock	FY 2015	FY 2016	% Change
GOM cod	121	157	+30%
GOM haddock	372	926	+149%

See Doc # 4e

Option	Haddock						Cod						Angler Trips (Median)	% Under Had ACL (out of 100 Simulations)	% Under Cod ACL (out of 100 Simulations)
	Had Limit	Had Size	Had Open Season	Had Kept (Median)	Had Release Mortality (Median)	Had Total Mortality (Median)	Cod Limit	Cod Size	Cod Open Season	Cod Kept (Median)	Cod Release Mortality (Median)	Cod Total Mortality (Median)			
1 (Status Quo)	3	17"	Waves 3, 4, 6, 1	268	137	405	0		Closed	4	62	66	117,139	100	100
2	8	17"	Waves 3, 4, 6, 1	351	100	451	0		Closed	4	64	68	118,912	100	100
3	No limit	17"	Waves 3, 4, 6, 1	393	80	473	0		Closed	4	64	68	119,345	100	100
4	No limit	17"	Waves 3, 4, 5, 6, 1	494	83	577	0		Closed	5	74	79	142,410	100	100
5	No limit	17"	Waves 3, 4, 5, 6, 1, 2*	626	89	715	0		Closed	5	92	97	167,103	100	100
6	No limit	17"	Waves 3, 4, 5, 6, 1	499	84	583	1	24"	Wave 3	67	66	133	143,756	100	95
7	No limit	17"	Waves 3, 4, 5, 6, 1	496	85	581	1	24"	Wave 4	45	69	114	143,503	100	100
8	No limit	17"	Waves 3, 4, 5, 6, 1	501	85	586	1	23"	Wave 3	79	65	144	144,171	100	73
9	No limit	17"	Waves 3, 4, 5, 6, 1	497	85	582	1	23"	Wave 4	50	69	119	143,720	100	100
10	No limit	17"	Waves 3, 4, 5, 6, 1, 2*	631	90	721	1	24"	Wave 3	68	83	151	168,505	100	63
11	No limit	17"	Waves 3, 4, 5, 6, 1, 2*	629	90	719	1	24"	Wave 4	47	87	134	168,264	100	92
12	No limit	17"	Waves 3, 4, 5, 6, 1, 2*	633	90	723	1	23"	Wave 3	80	82	162	168,898	100	39
13	3	17"	Waves 3, 4, 6, 1	275	140	415	1	24"	Waves 3, 4	105	49	154	119,740	100	57
14	8	17"	Waves 3, 4, 6, 1	359	102	461	1	24"	Waves 3, 4	107	50	157	121,437	100	46
RAP Recommended	15	17"	Waves 3, 4, 5, 6, 1, 2*	610	99	709	1	24"	Wave 4	46	86	132	168,125	100	93
Committee Recommended	15	17"	Waves 3, 4, 5, 6, 1, 2*	609	98	707	1	24"	Wave 5	25	89	114	167,549	100	100

* Wave 2 open Apr 15 - 30

HADDOCK – RAP and Committee's recommendations are identical:

- Minimum size: 15 inches
- Seasons: all open except March 1-April 14 (during wave 2)
- Bag Limit: 15 fish

COD- RAP and Committee’s recommendations are different for open seasons:

- Minimum size: 24 inches
- Seasons: RAP recommends wave 4 open (July-August) while Committee recommends wave 5 open (September- October)
- Bag Limit: 1 fish

For Today's Council Discussion

- 1) What are the Council's recommendations to NMFS for FY 2016?
- 2) Do you wish to suggest that NMFS looks at different approaches? If so, what might those be?