

**New England Fishery Management Council**

**Recreational Advisory Panel**

Meeting by Webinar

December 1, 2022

**DRAFT Motions**

**Attendance**

	<b>Present</b>	<b>Absent</b>
Frank Blount (Chair)	X	
Barry Gibson (Vice Chair)	X	
Joseph Carpino		X
Jasper Coutu		X
Rip Cunningham	X	
Tom DePersia	X	
Patrick Paquette	X	
Michael Plaia		X
James Reilly	X	
Jonathan Sterritt	X	
Tim Tower	X	

*The meeting started at 9:30 am.*

**Framework Adjustment 65: Specifications and Management Measures**

**Motion 1:** Cunningham/Paquette

The Recreational Advisory Panel recommends as preferred to the Groundfish Committee Alternative 2 , Option B – 70%FMSY for the Gulf of Maine cod rebuilding strategy.

Alternative 2 Revised Rebuilding Strategy for Gulf of Maine Cod

Recommends: Option B.  $T_{\text{target}}$  of 10 years, rebuilding by 2033, at  $F_{\text{rebuild}}$  of 70%FMSY= 0.121, which results in a 62% probability of achieving  $B_{\text{MSY}}$

Motion 1 *carried by consensus and without objection.*

**Motion 2: Paquette/Tower**

The Recreational Advisory Panel recommends a to the Groundfish Committee to oppose removal of management uncertainty buffers and specifically under

Alternative 2 Revised Specifications

Opposes: Option B– Remove the management uncertainty buffer for sectors when ASM target coverage rate is set at 99% or greater

- Option B1- Gulf of Maine haddock
- Option B2- White hake

*Motion 2 carried by consensus and without objection.*

**Motion 3: Cunningham/Tower**

The Recreational Advisory Panel recommends as preferred to the Groundfish Committee

Alternative 2 Revised Specifications (including changes for Gulf of Maine haddock FY2023-FY2025 OFLs and ABCs and OFLs/ABCs for most groundfish stocks) and under

Option A – Georges Bank cod ABC for FY2023 and FY2024

Recommends: Option A1 – 754 mt

*Motion 3 carried by consensus and without objection.*

**Motion 4: Paquette /Gibson**

The Recreational Advisory Panel recommends as preferred to the Groundfish Committee under Alternative 3 – Recreational Catch Target for Georges Bank Cod

Recommends: Option 4– Revised Recreational GB Cod Catch Target Based on Recent Percentage of US Fisheries Catches

If under a 754 mt ABC, the GB cod recreational catch target would be set for fishing years 2023 and 2024 using the method as follows:

- The 3-year (CY2019-CY2021) average percentage of recreational catches relative to US fisheries total catches (30.7%) applied to the possible FY2023 US ABC (369 mt) under a 754 mt ABC.
- This results in a GB cod recreational catch target of 113 mt.

*Motion 4 carried by consensus and without objection.*

**Motion 5:** Paquette/Cunningham

The Recreational Advisory Panel recommends to the Groundfish Committee that the management uncertainty buffer used to determine those for the recreational fishery sub-ACLs be equal to those set buffers used for the commercial fishery.

*Rationale:* In consideration of MRIP data improvements since A16, the default management uncertainty buffer of 7% is no longer appropriate.

*Motion 5 carried by consensus and without objection.*

*The meeting concluded at approximately 12:00 pm.*