

**New England Fishery Management Council**

**Monkfish Committee motions**

Revere, MA

September 18, 2019

Meeting Motions

**Specifications for FYs 2020-2022**

**Motion 1:** Pappalardo/Heins

To support recommendation of alternative 2 (revised monkfish specifications) for FYs 2020-2022 for the NFMA as preferred

Motion 1 *carried* 10/0/0

**Motion 2:** O'Keefe/Pappalardo

To support alternative 3 for the revised SFMA monkfish specifications for FYs 2020-2022

**Motion to amend 2a:** Reid/Heins

modify alternative 3 to revise SFMA monkfish specifications for FY2020 only and select as preferred

Motion to amend 2a *carried* 5/4/1

Main motion as amended *carried* 9/0/1

**Motion 3:** Reid/Heins

Motion to revisit Motion 1.

**Motion to amend 3a:** Reid Heins

Support recommendation of alternative 2 (revised monkfish specifications) for FY 2020 only for the NFMA as preferred

Main motion as amended *carried* 9/0/1

Consensus statement – The Committee endorsed the PDT recommendations that no changes in effort controls are needed in either management area.

**Priorities**

**Motion 4:** Pappalardo/Reid

Recommend to the Council for Monkfish priorities for 2020:

- Initiate a monkfish specifications action for FYs2021-2022 including discussion of monkfish discard calculation methodology
- Revisit and consider previous discussions of using the RSA DAS and the ability to flip to a directed day to a RSA DAS while at sea
- Consider latency in the fishery

Motion 4 *carried* 9/0/1