

**Northeast Multispecies (Groundfish) Fishery Management Plan
Framework Adjustment 72 – Specifications and Management Measures**

September 12, 2025

DRAFT Alternatives Outline

4.0 DRAFT ALTERNATIVES UNDER CONSIDERATION

4.1 Action 1 – Status Determination Criteria

Alternative 1 – No Action

Alternative 2 – Updated Status Determination Criteria for Georges Bank Yellowtail Flounder

4.2 Action 2 – Specifications

Alternative 1 – No Action

Alternative 2 – Revised Specifications

- FY2026 total allowable catches (TACs) for US/Canada management units of Eastern Georges Bank (GB) cod and Eastern GB haddock, and GB yellowtail flounder stock
- FY2026-FY2027 specifications for GB cod and GB haddock
- FY2026-FY2028 specifications for GB yellowtail flounder, Cape Cod/Gulf of Maine (CC/GOM) yellowtail flounder, Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic (SNE/MA) yellowtail flounder, GB winter flounder, GOM winter flounder, SNE/MA winter flounder, white hake, Acadian redfish, ocean pout, and Atlantic wolffish,
- Sub-component analysis for stocks with revised specifications, Atlantic halibut, and others as time permits

4.3 Action 3 – Recreational Fishery Management Measures

Alternative 1 – No Action

Alternative 2 – Establish a Regulatory Process for the Regional Administrator to Adjust Recreational Measures for Cod and Haddock