

**New England Fishery Management Council
Recreational Advisory Panel**

Boston, Massachusetts

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Fishing Year 2019 Management Measures

Motion 1: Gibson/DePersia

The Recreational Advisory Panel (RAP) recommends to the Groundfish Committee an additional option, “option 6a”, to consider for fishing year 2019 management measures:

- Gulf of Maine haddock: 15 in minimum fish size, season open year-round season, and a 15 fish bag limit, and
- Gulf of Maine cod: 19 in minimum fish size, season open April and August, and a 1 fish bag limit

The RAP recommends “option 6a” as its primary recommendation if the model run projects achieving but not exceeding the Gulf of Maine haddock and Gulf of Maine cod sub-annual catch limits.

Motion 1 *carried*. 6/2/0

Motion 2: Pierdinock/DePersia

The Recreational Advisory Panel (RAP) recommends to the Groundfish Committee an additional option, “option 6b”, as a back-up recommendation for fishing year 2019 management measures:

- Gulf of Maine haddock: 15 in minimum fish size, season open year-round, and a 15 fish bag limit, and
- Gulf of Maine cod: 21 in minimum fish size, season open April and August, 1 fish bag limit

The RAP recommends “option 6b” as a back-up to “option 6a” if the model run projects achieving but not exceeding the Gulf of Maine haddock and Gulf of Maine cod sub-annual catch limits.

Motion 2 *carried*. 6/2/0

Motion 3: Plaia/Paquette as friendly amended

The Recreational Advisory Panel recommends to the Groundfish Committee that for fishing year 2019 management measures for Georges Bank cod: decrease the minimum fish size to 19 in and retain the 10 fish bag limit.

Motion 3 *carried*. 7/0/1

Motion 4: Twombly/Pierdinock

The Recreational Advisory Panel (RAP) clarifies to the Groundfish Committee the intent of the RAP’s proposed Gulf of Maine cod and Gulf of Maine haddock measures is to maintain one fish cod possession for some portion of the year.

Motion 4 *carried* 6/2/0.