

New England Fishery Management Council

Groundfish Advisory Panel

Danvers, Massachusetts

November 8, 2018

Meeting Motions

Framework Adjustment 58

Motion 1: Raymond/Russo

The Groundfish Advisory Panel recommends that the Committee adopt the following rebuilding options as preferred (see Groundfish PDT memo, dated November 7, 2018):

- Georges Bank winter flounder – Sub-Option B2 ($F_{\text{rebuild}} = 70\% F_{\text{MSY}}$ and $T_{\text{target}} = 10$ years)
- Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic yellowtail flounder – Sub-Option B2 ($F_{\text{rebuild}} = 70\% F_{\text{MSY}}$ and $T_{\text{target}} = 10$ years)
- Witch flounder – Sub-Option B ($F_{\text{rebuild}} = 6.5\%$ exploitation rate and $T_{\text{target}} = \text{undefined}$)
- Northern windowpane – Sub-Option B ($F_{\text{rebuild}} = 70\% F_{\text{MSY}}$ and $T_{\text{target}} = \text{undefined}$)
- Ocean pout – Sub-Option B ($F_{\text{rebuild}} = 70\% F_{\text{MSY}}$ and $T_{\text{target}} = \text{undefined}$)

Motion 1a: Goethel/Soule

Motion to amend the main motion

Witch flounder– Sub-Option B ($F_{\text{rebuild}} = 7\%$ exploitation rate and $T_{\text{target}} = \text{undefined}$)

Motion 1a to amend *carried* 4/3/0.

Motion 1b as the main motion amended

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Motion 1b *carried* 7/0/0.

Motion 2: Raymond/Soule

The Groundfish Advisory Panel requests that the Groundfish Committee recommends that the Whiting Committee report on current levels of haddock bycatch in the whiting fishery including any time/area information with the intent of developing gear and/or fishing area modifications if the haddock bycatch is significant.

Rationale: The bycatch of haddock is significant and must be addressed. The 2016 whiting SAFE report documents 2.6 million pounds of haddock bycatch. Options to

minimize bycatch will address the Magnuson obligation to minimize bycatch and discards.

Motion 2 *carried* 6/0/1.

Motion 3: Raymond/Russo

The Groundfish Advisory Panel recommends to the Committee to select as preferred:

- In Section 4.1.2 Annual Catch Limits: 4.1.2.2, Option 2: Revised Annual Catch Limit Specifications
- In Section 4.2.1 Minimum Fish Size Exemptions for Vessels Fishing in the NAFO Regulatory Area, Option 2 Exempt vessels fishing in the NAFO Regulatory Area from Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP) commercial minimum fish sizes, and
- In Section 4.3.1 Atlantic Sea Scallop AM Implementation Policy, Option 2 Temporary change to the Atlantic sea scallop fishery AM implementation policy for the GB yellowtail flounder stock

Motion 3 *carried* 7/0/0.

Possible 2019 Priorities

Motion 4: Raymond/Soule

The Groundfish Advisory Panel recommends to the Groundfish Committee removing from the list of 2019 priorities for consideration: to examine the issue of leased fish and possible changes to management system.

Motion 4 *carried* 5/2/0.

Motion 5: Raymond/Parker

The Groundfish Advisory Panel recommends to the Groundfish Committee that the catch share review includes some discussion on if the leasing program is meeting the objectives of the FMP.

Motion 5 *carried* 7/0/0.

Motion 6: Parker/Raymond

The Groundfish Advisory Panel recommends to the Groundfish Committee that: at the top of the priorities list across all fisheries should be to create permit separability.

Motion 6 *carried* 7/0/0.

Motion 7: Goethel/Soule

To move “specify allocation review triggers” to a low priority for groundfish for 2019.

Motion *carried* 4/0/2 (one out of the room).

Other Business-Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring

Motion 8: Raymond/Goethel

The Groundfish Advisory Panel does not believe the fleet can afford any additional costs of monitoring at this time. The GAP recommends that the Committee meet the recommendation of the Council Program Review Peer Review Panel that the Council “increase its ability to meet National Standard 8....and minimization of economic impacts....” when determining monitoring levels/costs for groundfish sectors and common pool.

Motion 8 *carried* 7/0/0.