

Recreational Advisory Panel

Portland, Maine

August 2, 2016

Meeting Motions

Motion 1: Sterrit/Plaia

That the Recreational Advisory Panel requests that regulations for the coming fishing year be known by January 1st.

Rationale: As an example for FY 2017 with a May 1, 2017 start, the RAP would prefer to know the regulations by January 1, 2017. This would help with business planning; planning is done on a calendar year basis.

Motion 1a as friendly amended: Sterrit/Plaia

That the Recreational Advisory Panel requests that regulations for the coming fishing year be known by February 1st.

Rationale: The RAP feels this is more feasible based on a discussion of when wave information is available and the RAP could convene and make recommendations to the Committee/Council.

Motion 1a to amend: Pierdinock/Sterrit

That the Recreational Advisory Panel requests that regulations for the coming fishing year be known by February 1st. The RAP would convene prior to the November Committee/Council meeting to discuss and recommend measures for the coming fishing year.

Rationale: Assumptions about some of the wave data would need to be made for projections. VTRs could be incorporated earlier in the process as these are available sooner than other data streams. Correlation between MRIP and VTR data could be examined as well.

Motion 1a to amend carried 8/0/0.

Motion 1a as the main motion carried 8/0/0.

Motion 2: Paquette/Plaia

That the Recreational Advisory Panel requests that an alternative be developed in FW 56 that considers if by end of wave 5 (Sept-Oct) that if there is a projected underage of X% that the recreational management measures process allow for an increase in fishing opportunity in wave 2 (Mar-Apr) of the same fishing year.

Rationale: To allow for regulations that are conservative to avoid exceeding the quota to be developed, but in the case when there is a projected underage the process would allow for some flexibility to achieve the quota if possible at the end on the fishing year. HMS regulations do something similar.

Motion 2 carried 6/2/0.

Motion 3: Twombly/DePersia

That the Recreational Advisory Panel requests that in-season fishery performance (based on VTRs) be discussed at the November RAP meeting.

Motion 3 carried 8/0/0.

Motion 4: Steritt/XX

To remove Limited Access for the party charter recreational fishery from the list of Council priorities.

Motion 4 failed for lack of second.

Motion 5: Plaia/Twombly

The RAP recommends that the Council work on as a priority - mandatory charter/party electronic reporting (e.g., eVTRs) and coordinating with ASMFC and MAFMC in 2016 or in 2017 on their efforts regarding electronic reporting.

Motion 5 failed 3/3/2.