

Final Motions
New England Fishery Management Council Meeting
April 12-14, 2022
Hilton Hotel, 20 Coogan Blvd., Mystic, CT 06355
Hybrid meeting with remote participants

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

MONKFISH COMMITTEE REPORT

1. Ms. Etrie moved and Mr. Salerno seconded:
that the Council recommends to the Northeast Fisheries Science Center that recent monkfish discard mortality research (related to gear-specific discard rates) be considered in the 2022 monkfish management track assessment.

The Council agreed by consensus.

Framework 13

2. Ms. Etrie moved and Mr. Pappalardo seconded:
that the PDT should not look at a recruitment predictor for calculating the discard deduction during this framework adjustment.

The Council agreed by consensus.

3. Ms. Etrie moved on behalf of the Committee:
that the Council initiate Framework Adjustment 13 to the Monkfish Fishery Management Plan. This action will include developing specifications for 2023-2025 and consider:
 - Revising Days-at-Sea allocations and possession limits, including the incidental limit,
 - Revising the Research Set Aside allocation,
 - Management measures to reduce southern area discards,
 - Requiring 12” mesh for monkfish gillnets, and
 - Requiring use of Vessel Monitoring System across the monkfish fishery.

- 3a. Mr. Pappalardo moved to amend and Mr. Salerno seconded:
to remove bullet #2 “Revising the Research Set Aside allocation”.

The Council agreed by consensus with one abstention, (Ms. Etrie).

The motion as amended:

that the Council initiate Framework Adjustment 13 to the Monkfish Fishery Management Plan. This action will include developing specifications for 2023-2025 and consider:

- Revising Days-at-Sea allocations and possession limits, including the incidental limit,
- Management measures to reduce southern area discards,

- Requiring 12” mesh for monkfish gillnets, and
- Requiring Vessel Monitoring System across the monkfish fishery.

The Council agreed by consensus.

HABITAT COMMITTEE REPORT

Southern New England Habitat Area of Particular Concern (HAPC) Framework

4. Mr. Bellavance moved and Mr. Pierdinock seconded:
that the Council selects Alternative 3 (Cod spawning HAPC encompassing current sites, historical sites, and sites identified in the future based on new data) as a preferred alternative.
- 4a. Mr. Salerno moved to amend and Mr. Smith seconded:
that the Council select Alternative 3 and 4 as the preferred alternatives.
- 4b. Ms. Etrie moved and Dr. Sissenwine seconded:
to postpone to a time certain (June 2022) further discussion on the HAPC Framework.

The Council agreed by consensus.

5. Ms. Etrie moved and Ms. Ware seconded:
that the Council approves the comment letter to NOAA and BOEM regarding the Draft Federal Survey Mitigation Implementation Strategy.

The Council agreed by consensus with one abstention (Mr. Pentony).

6. Mr. Smith moved and Mr. Tracy seconded:
that the Council approves the comment letter regarding Maine’s Offshore Wind Roadmap draft initial working group recommendations as amended today.

The Council agreed by consensus with one abstention (Ms. Ware).

7. Ms. Patterson moved and Ms. Etrie seconded:
that the Council approves the comment letter to the USCG regarding Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts Port Access Route Study (PARS) with the amended language added.

The Council agreed by consensus.

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

SCALLOP COMMITTEE REPORT

Scoping for Limited Access Leasing

1. Ms. Griffin moved and Ms. Brawn seconded:
that the Council approve the March 30, 2022 version of the Limited Access Leasing scoping document for public comment.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Mr. Gates, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Bellavance, Ms. Brawn, Ms. Etrie, Mr. Godfroy, Ms. Zobel, Mr. Salerno, Ms. Ware, Mr. Olszewski, Mr. Pappalardo, Mr. Pierdinock, Mr. Pentony, Ms. Griffin, Dr. Sissenwine, Mr. Smith and Mr. Tracy.

No:

Abstain:

The motion *carried* unanimously on a roll call vote (17/0/0).

GROUND FISH COMMITTEE

Framework Adjustment 65

2. Mr. Bellavance moved and Ms. Patterson seconded:
that the Council initiate Framework Adjustment 65 to include:
 - Status determination criteria,
 - Rebuilding plans: Gulf of Maine (GOM) cod and Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic (SNE/MA) winter flounder,
 - FY2023-FY2024 US/CA total allowable catches,
 - FY2023-FY2024 specifications: Georges Bank (GB) yellowtail flounder and GB cod (Including a catch target for the recreational fishery),
 - FY2023-FY2025 specifications: 14 stocks,
 - Additional measures to promote stock rebuilding: GOM cod and SNE/MA winter flounder, and
 - Revised acceptable biological catch control rules, in consultation with the Scientific and Statistical Committee.

The Council agreed by consensus.

3. Mr. Bellavance moved on behalf of the Committee:
to change priorities for 2022, adding a transition plan for Atlantic cod management from the current two management unit to up to five management units (multi-year priority). As a part of the transition plan, there will be a white paper on potential approaches to allocate “Georges Bank cod” to the recreational fishery delivered in 2022 to inform the 2023 priorities discussion. The Council supports the use of contractors to complete part of this work, including work on the white paper.

Roll call vote:

Yes: Mr. Aarrestad, Mr. Alexander, Mr. Bellavance, Ms. Brawn, Ms. Etrie, Mr. Godfroy, Ms. Patterson, Mr. Salerno, Ms. Ware, Mr. Olszewski, Mr. Pappalardo, Mr. Pierdinock, Mr. Pentony, Ms. Griffin, Dr. Sissenwine, Mr. Smith and Mr. Tracy

No:

Abstain:

The motion *carried* unanimously on a roll call vote (17/0/0).

Thursday, April 14, 2022

EBFM COMMITTEE

1. Mr. Pappalardo moved on behalf of the committee:
that the Council approve the prototype Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) Planning Document as written.

The Council agreed by consensus with one abstention (Ms. Etrie).