

New England Fishery Management Council
Joint Meeting of the Groundfish Committee and Groundfish Advisory Panel
Portsmouth, New Hampshire
October 30, 2019

Framework Adjustment 59

Groundfish Advisory Panel (GAP)

GAP Motion 1: Goethel/Soule

The Advisors recommend to the Committee no changes to the commercial and recreational allocation percentages for GOM cod and GOM haddock.

Rationale: GOM cod and GOM haddock are the current stocks with recreational allocation. Too much uncertainty in these numbers from MRIP, reallocation is a food fight and could detract from too many other problems – Make rather work at shared problems.

Motion 1 *carried* 5/0/1.

GAP Motion 2: Odell/Raymond:

The Advisors recommend to the Committee for GB cod in the recreational fishery to retain the management catch target at 138mt for FY2020-FY2022 and to extend the temporary NMFS authority to adjust management measures for FY2020 and FY2021.

Motion 2 *carried* 6/0/0.

GAP Motion 3: Martens/Soule

The Advisors ask the Committee to have the Recreational Advisory Panel and Committee review the recreational management measures on pollock and propose and consider a possession limit and catch target.

Rationale: Concern by some in industry that the increase of the recreational landings could be bait.

Motion 3 *carried* 5/1/0.

GAP Motion 4: Odell/Raymond

The GAP recommends to the Committee no change in the GB haddock sub-ACL for the Atlantic herring MWT fishery from the current 1.5% for the sub-ABC of the US ABC.

Motion 4 *carried* 5/1/0.

GAP Motion 5: Raymond/Goethel

The Groundfish Advisory Panel recommends the Committee ask the Council to ask Enforcement to investigate the allegation made at this meeting of misreporting of recreational pollock catch.

Motion 5 *carried* 6/0/0.

GAP Motion 6: Raymond/Odell

The GAP recommends to the Committee to ask the PDT to explore alternative options to determining the sub-ABC for SNE/MA yellowtail flounder for the scallop fishery.

Motion 6 *carried* 6/0/0.

GAP Motion 7: Raymond/Soule

The GAP recommends to the Committee to extend the temporary measure for FY2020 for scallop fishery's AM trigger for GB yellowtail flounder, such that when the AM is triggered when the scallop fishery sub-ACL and total ACL are exceeded.

Motion 7 *carried* 4/0/2.

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**Groundfish Committee (GF CMTE)**

**GF CMTE Motion 1:** Bellavance/McKenzie

To direct staff to continue working on and include alternatives in FW59 to update GOM cod and GOM haddock commercial/recreational allocations raised by new MRIP data.

*Rationale:* new data source from assessments this year, monitoring the quota, only developing the updated percentages following pp. 9 of the GF PDT memo (Table 3 and Table 5), dated October 23, 2019.

GF CMTE Motion 1 *carried* 5/1/2.

**GF CMTE Motion 2:** Kendall/Etrie

Committee recommends to the Council for GB cod in the recreational fishery to retain the management catch target at 138mt for FY2020-FY2022 and to extend the temporary NMFS authority to adjust management measures for FY2020 and FY2021.

GF CMTE Motion 2 *carried* 8/0/0.

**GF CMTE Motion 3:** Kendall/XX

CMTE recommend to the Council to have the Recreational Advisory Panel and Committee review the recreational management measures on pollock and propose and consider a possession limit and catch target.

GF CMTE Motion 3 *failed for lack of second*.

**GF CMTE Motion 4:** Kendall/Mendelsohn

The Committee recommends to Council the GB haddock sub-ACL for the Atlantic herring MWT fishery be raised to 2% (from 1.5%) for the sub-ABC of the US ABC.

GF CMTE Motion 4 *carried* 5/3/0.

**GF CMTE Motion 5:** Kendall/XX

The Committee recommend to the Council that the Council ask Enforcement to investigate the allegation made at this meeting of misreporting of recreational pollock catch.

GF CMTE Motion 5 *failed for lack of second*.

**GF CMTE Motion 6:** Kendall/Etrie

The Committee tasks the PDT to explore alternative options to determining the sub-ABC for SNE/MA yellowtail flounder for the scallop fishery.

GF CMTE Motion 6 *carried* 8/0/0.

**GF CMTE Motion 7:** Kendall/Pappalardo

The Groundfish Committee recommends to the Council to extend the temporary measure for FY2020 for scallop fishery’s AM trigger for GB yellowtail flounder, such that when the AM is triggered when the scallop fishery sub-ACL and total ACL are exceeded.

GF CMTE Motion 7 *carried* 6/0/2.

**Amendment 23 – GMRI Presentation**

**GF CMTE Motion 8:** Etrie/Griffin

To ask the Groundfish Committee and PDT Chair to coordinate to allow for time at a scheduled meeting of the GAP and Committee to review the draft GMRI work prior to the SSC review.

GF CMTE Motion 8 *carried* 5/1/1 (*Note: One member out of room for vote*).

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Amendment 23

Groundfish Advisory Panel

GAP Motion 8: Raymond/Odell

The GAP recommends to the Committee to support an option be developed for vessel-specific coverage levels.

GAP Motion 8 *carried* 4/1/0.

GAP Motion 9: Goethel/Odell

The GAP recommends to the Committee, in the revision of the purpose and need presented today, to retain the phrases “accurate representation of catch” in paragraph 1 and “accuracy of collected catch data” in paragraph 2.

GAP Motion 9 *carried* 3/1/1.

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**Amendment 23**

**Groundfish Committee**

**GF CMTE Motion 9:** Etrie/Kendall

The Committee recommends to the Council to support an option to develop vessel-specific coverage levels.

**GF CMTE Motion 9a:** Griffin/Bellavance

To substitute to task the PDT to develop and analyze an option to develop vessel-specific coverage levels

GF CMTE Motion 9a to substitute *carried* 6/0/0.

GF CMTE Motion 9a as the main motion *carried* 6/0/0.

**GF CMTE Motion 10:** Etrie/Mendelsohn

The Committee recommends, in the revision of the purpose and need presented today, to retain the phrases “accurate representation of catch” in paragraph 1 and “accuracy of collected catch data” in paragraph 2.

GF CMTE Motion 10 *carried* 3/2/1.