

New England Fishery Management Council

Groundfish Committee

Meeting by Webinar

August 19, 2020

Meeting Motions

Motion 1: Griffin/Etrie (as **friendly amended**)

The Committee recommends to the Council that they write a letter to NMFS to address the claims made in the petition that are errors in facts or errors in interpretation, including how recent changes to how ACLs and ABCs have been calculated by the SSC, and how recent actions (e.g., FW59 and Habitat OA2) **and ongoing actions/management (e.g., A23, stock structure)** have been crafted to address the status of the cod stocks.

Groundfish Committee Roll-Call Vote record:

Libby Etrie	YES
John Pappalardo	YES
Mark Godfroy	YES
Matt McKenzie	NO
Megan Ware	YES
Melanie Griffin	YES
Rick Bellavance	YES
Pete Christopher	YES
Terry Alexander	(chair declined to vote)
Tony DiLernia	YES

Motion 1 *carried* by a roll-call vote (8/1/0).

Motion 2: Etrie/Ware

The Groundfish Committee recommends the Groundfish Plan Development Team pause work on the qualitative analysis of the measures in Conservation Law Foundation petition for rule-making for Atlantic cod, until the Council weighs in on the merits of the petition.

Groundfish Committee Roll-Call Vote Record:

Libby Etrie	YES
John Pappalardo	NO
Mark Godfroy	YES
Matt McKenzie	NO
Megan Ware	YES
Melanie Griffin	YES
Rick Bellavance	YES
Pete Christopher	ABSTAIN
Terry Alexander	(chair declined to vote)
Tony DiLernia	ABSTAIN

Motion 2 *carried* by a roll-call vote (5/2/2).