

**New England Fishery Management Council  
Recreational Advisory Panel Meeting**

By Webinar  
June 15, 2020

**Meeting Motions**

**Fishing Year 2020 Recreational Measures for Gulf of Maine cod**

**Motion 1:** Sterritt/Pierdinock

The Recreational Advisory Panel recommends to the Groundfish Committee to revise the Council proposal for fishing year 2020 recreational measures for Gulf of Maine cod, which currently are:

All modes – private and for-hire:

- Open Season: September 15-30 and April 1-14
- Bag Limit: 1 fish
- Minimum Size: 21 inches

To add two weeks to the September season for party/charter open for September 1-14 (i.e., open September 1-30) for FY2020 only.

**Motion 2:** Tower/Plaia

Motion to amend Motion 1 to add two weeks to the September season for party/charter open for October 1-15 (i.e., open September 15-October 15) for FY2020 only.

<b>Roll call vote for Motion #2</b>		<b>VOTE RECORD</b>		
<b>First Name</b>	<b>Last Name</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>
Frank	Blount (chair)			
Barry	Gibson		X	
Rip	Cunningham		X	
Keven	Niland		X	
Michael	Pierdinock		X	
Patrick	Paquette		X	
Michael	Plaia	X		
James	Reilly		X	
Jonathan	Sterritt		X	
Tim	Tower	X		

Motion 2 failed 2/7/0.

**Motion 3:** Sterritt/Tower

Motion to amend Motion 1 to add two weeks to the September season for party/charter open for September 8-14 and October 1-7 (i.e., open September 8-October 7) for FY2020 only.

Roll call vote for Motion #3		VOTE RECORD		
First Name	Last Name	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Frank	Blount (chair)			
Barry	Gibson	X		
Rip	Cunningham		X	
Keven	Niland	X		
Michael	Pierdinock	X		
Patrick	Paquette	X		
Michael	Plaia		X	
James	Reilly	X		
Jonathan	Sterritt	X		
Tim	Tower	X		

Motion 3 carried 7/2/0.

**Motion 4,** as the main motion:

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- o Bag Limit: 1 fish
- o Minimum Size: 21 inches

To add two weeks to the September season for party/charter open for September 8-14 and October 1-7 (i.e., September 8-October 7) for FY2020 only.

Roll call vote for Motion #4		VOTE RECORD		
First Name	Last Name	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Frank	Blount			
Barry	Gibson	X		
Rip	Cunningham		X	
Keven	Niland	X		
Michael	Pierdinock	X		
Patrick	Paquette		X	
Michael	Plaia		X	
James	Reilly	X		
Jonathan	Sterritt	X		
Tim	Tower	X		

Motion 4 carried 6/3/0.

## **Executive Order Discussion**

*(not consensus ideas, a brainstormed list for the purposes of discussion)*

- Discussed the illegal fishing charter issue (raised at the Groundfish Committee meeting last week)
- Encourage domestic tuna over foreign, especially bluefin tuna from other countries without the same conservation and management measures, ethically/morally questionable approaches, increase tariffs, end US restaurant contracts that limit purchase of domestic tuna
- Consider additional food safety measures in light of COVID-19 to help keep US seafood safe – especially in new emerging local markets, while promoting local and regional seafood consumption. Confirm/verify reporting of these dockside sales.
- Establish a “hook it to cook it” program in New England – bring the fish to local restaurants to prepare.
- Who pays for the mate on a commercial boat – “dude trip”