

**New England Fishery Management Council
Groundfish Committee Meeting**

By Webinar
June 15, 2020

Meeting Motions

COVID-19 Impacts on the Recreational Fishery

Motion 1: Griffin/Bellavance

The Groundfish Committee recommends the Council revise the 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 8-14 and October 1-7 (i.e., open September 8-October 7) for FY2020 only.

Motion 2: Griffin/Pappalardo

To table Motion 1.

Rationale: To allow for additional information, if available by the Council meeting, to be considered. A Council member will bring a motion to the June Council meeting for discussion.

Roll call vote for Motion #		VOTE RECORD		
First Name	Last Name	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Terry	Stockwell (chair)			
Terry	Alexander	X		
Rick	Bellavance	X		
Libby	Etrie		X	
Mark	Godfroy	X		
Pete	Christopher	X		
Megan	Ware	X		
Peter	Kendall	X		
Matt	McKenzie	X		
Melanie	Griffin	X		
John	Pappalardo	X		
Laurie	Nolan	X		
Steve	Heins	X		

Motion 2 carried 11/1/0.

Other Business: COVID-19 Impacts on the Commercial Fishery

Motion 3: Alexander/Etrie

The Committee requests the Council recommend to the Regional Administrator an Emergency Action to allow the Common Pool fleet to roll over any unused Lease DAS for the common pool, in addition to the regular DAS they are currently allowed to do.

Motion 4: McKenzie/Griffin

To table Motion 3.

Motion 4 *carried* by consensus and without objection.