

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Holiday Inn by the Bay
June 12-14, 2018
FINAL MOTIONS

Tuesday, June 12, 2018

SKATE COMMITTEE

1. Dr. McKenzie moved on behalf of the Committee:
that the Council recommend that all possession limit alternatives (Sections 4.2, 4.3 and 4.4)
be moved to considered but rejected.

The motion *carried* unanimously on a show of hands (16/0/0).

2. Dr. McKenzie moved and Mr. Pappalardo seconded:
that the Council submit Framework adjustment 6 to the Northeast Skate Complex FMP to
GARFO.

The motion *carried* on a show of hands (15/0/1).

OBSERVER COMMITTEE

The Council agreed by consensus to send the Draft comment letter regarding NMFS draft policy
directive for allocating costs in EM programs for federally managed U.S. fisheries.

HERRING COMMITTEE

RH/S stocks in the fishery

3. Mr. Kendall moved on behalf of the Committee:
That the Council recommend no action in Section 4.1 of the draft river herring/shad white
paper (maintain current management approach).

The motion *carried* on a show of hands (15/1/1).

MAFMC Mackerel Action

By consensus, the Herring Committee recommends the Council draft a letter to the Mid-Atlantic
Council supporting the in-season alternatives to manage mackerel landings that are under
development in the mackerel rebuilding framework for FY2019-2021.

The Council agreed by consensus with this recommendation.

2019-2021 Herring Specifications

4. Mr. Keliher moved and Mr. Stockwell seconded:

that upon the approval of the 2018 Atlantic Herring Stock Assessment peer review, or sooner if possible, the Regional Administrator, under existing authority allowing for in-season adjustments, take action to cap the 2018 harvest of Atlantic herring at the 2017 catch levels by management areas 1A, 1B and 3. The Area 2 sub-ACL should be set so that current 2018 Area 2 landings equal 92 percent of the Area 2 sub ACL.

- 4a. Friendly amendment:
that upon the approval of the 2018 Atlantic Herring Stock Assessment peer review, or sooner if possible, the Regional Administrator, under existing authority allowing for in-season adjustments, take action to cap the 2018 harvest of Atlantic herring at the 2017 catch levels by management areas 1A, 1B and 3. The Area 2 sub-ACL should be set to 8200 mt for 2018 sub ACL.

The motion *carried* on a show of hands (16/0/1).

5. Mr. Kendall moved on behalf of the Committee:
that the Council initiate herring specification action for FY 2019-2021.

The motion *carried* unanimously on a show of hands (17/0/0).

Wednesday, June 13, 2018

GROUND FISH COMMITTEE

Framework Adjustment 58/Specifications and Management Measures

1. Mr. Stockwell moved on behalf of the Committee:
that the Council initiate Framework Adjustment 58, to include:
- To set specifications for fishing year 2019 for US/Canada stocks (Eastern Georges Bank (GB) cod, Eastern Georges Bank haddock, and Georges Bank yellowtail flounder),
 - To revise/establish rebuilding plans for several stocks (ocean pout, GB winter flounder, witch flounder, Gulf of Maine/GB windowpane flounder, and Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic yellowtail flounder),
 - To address Status Determination Criteria issue when analytic assessments fail, and
 - To provide additional guidance on sector overages.
- 1a. Mr. Pentony moved to amend and Mr. Pappalardo seconded:
that the Council initiate Framework Adjustment 58, to include:
- To set specifications for fishing year 2019 for US/Canada stocks (Eastern Georges Bank (GB) cod, Eastern Georges Bank haddock, and Georges Bank yellowtail flounder),
 - To revise/establish rebuilding plans for several stocks (ocean pout, GB winter flounder, witch flounder, Gulf of Maine/GB windowpane flounder, and Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic yellowtail flounder),
 - To provide additional guidance on sector overages.

The motion to amend *carried* unanimously on a show of hands (17/0/0).

Amended motion:

That the Council initiate Framework Adjustment 58, to include:

- To set specifications for fishing year 2019 for US/Canada stocks (Eastern Georges Bank (GB) cod, Eastern Georges Bank haddock, and Georges Bank yellowtail flounder),
- To revise/establish rebuilding plans for several stocks (ocean pout, GB winter flounder, witch flounder, Gulf of Maine/GB windowpane flounder, and Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic yellowtail flounder),
- To provide additional guidance on sector overages.

1b. Mr. Terry Alexander moved to further amend and Ms. Etrie seconded:

That the Council initiate Framework Adjustment 58, to include:

- Management measures that would waive the northeast multispecies minimum fish size requirements for vessels fishing exclusively in the NAFO regulatory area.
- To set specifications for fishing year 2019 for US/Canada stocks (Eastern Georges Bank (GB) cod, Eastern Georges Bank haddock, and Georges Bank yellowtail flounder),
- To revise/establish rebuilding plans for several stocks (ocean pout, GB winter flounder, witch flounder, Gulf of Maine/GB windowpane flounder, and Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic yellowtail flounder),
- To provide additional guidance on sector overages.

The motion to amend *carried* unanimously on a show of hands (17/0/0).

Main motion as amended:

That the Council initiate Framework Adjustment 58, to include:

- Management measures that would waive the northeast multispecies minimum fish size requirements for vessels fishing exclusively in the NAFO regulatory area.
- To set specifications for fishing year 2019 for US/Canada stocks (Eastern Georges Bank (GB) cod, Eastern Georges Bank haddock, and Georges Bank yellowtail flounder),
- To revise/establish rebuilding plans for several stocks (ocean pout, GB winter flounder, witch flounder, Gulf of Maine/GB windowpane flounder, and Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic yellowtail flounder),
- To provide additional guidance on sector overages.

The main motion as amended *carried* on a show of hands (16/0/1).

Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring

2. Mr. Stockwell moved on behalf of the Committee:

that the Council move Section 4.1.1.3.2 (Option 2: Additional Options for Industry Funded Costs of Monitoring) to considered but rejected.

The motion *carried* on a show of hands (16/0/1).

3. Mr. Stockwell moved on behalf of the Committee:
that the Council delay selection of the final range of alternatives for Amendment 23 until no sooner than the September 2018 Council meeting in order to allow for the alternatives to be aligned with completed Plan Development Team analyses and final report with recommendations offered by the Fishery Data for Stock Assessment Working Group.

The motion *carried* unanimously on a show of hands (17/0/0).

4. Mr. Grout moved and Mr. Balzano seconded:
that the Council task the Plan Development Team to analyze groundfish fishing activity and groundfish landings of small vessels (e.g. <50 ft.) to see if it would be appropriate to exempt vessels from at-sea monitoring and dockside monitoring or have lower levels of at-sea and dockside monitoring than larger vessels (e.g. >50 ft.) while addressing the purpose and need of the amendment.

The motion *failed* on a show of hands (3/13/1).

Fishing Year 2019 Recreational Management Measures

5. Mr. Stockwell moved on behalf of the Committee:
That in the consultation process for Georges Bank cod recreational measures, the Council requests that the Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office review different methodologies for determining the recreational management measures for fishing year 2019.

The motion *carried* on a show of hands (15/0/1).

NAFO Discussion

6. Mr. Terry Alexander moved and Ms. Etrie seconded:
that the Council write a letter to have the agency/DOC to appoint NAFO commissioners as soon as possible to formulate the positions in advance of the September 2018 Meeting.

The motion *carried* on a show of hands (15/0/1).

SCALLOP COMMITTEE

Monitoring and Catch Accounting

7. Mr. Balzano moved on behalf of the Committee:
that the Council develop measures to expand the VMS pre-landing notification requirement to cover Limited Access open area trips.
- 7a. Mr. Balzano moved to substitute and Mr. Terry Alexander seconded:
That the Council requests that GARFO use their authority to require a VMS pre-landing notification on all Limited Access scallop trips.

The motion to substitute *carried* on a show of hands (15/0/1).

The main motion as substituted:

That the Council requests that GARFO use their authority to require a VMS pre-landing notification on all Limited Access scallop trips

The main motion as substituted *carried* on a show of hands (15/0/1).

Framework 30

8. Mr. Balzano moved and Mr. Bellavance seconded:
that the Council initiate Framework Adjustment 30, an action that will set fishery specifications for fishing year 2019 and default measures for 2020, and include alternatives to address standard default measures for scallop specifications.

The motion *carried* unanimously on a show of hands (16/0/0).

RSA

9. Mr. Balzano moved on behalf of the Committee:
That the Council approve Scallop Research set-aside priorities for 2019/2020 as recommended by the Scallop Committee on pages 3 and 4 of document #2b (Tab#4). The priority list is summarized in the table below.

#	HIGH Priorities	#	General Research Area (Not Ranked)
1a	Intensive surveys of access areas	3	Impact of offshore wind development
1b	Intensive surveys of areas of interest	4	Sea Turtle Research
1c	Broadscale surveys of GB and MA	5	Bycatch: Small scallops & non-target species
2	Variability in survey dredge efficiency	6	Scallop Meat Quality Research
		7	Management Strategy Evaluation Research
		8	Scallop biology research

The motion *carried* unanimously on a show of hands (15/0/0).

REGULATORY REFORM INITIATIVE

Whiting

The Council agreed by consensus to strike from the small-mesh multispecies items 1 & 2 from the Regulatory Reform Initiative list.

10. Mr. Pappalardo moved and Mr. Bellavance seconded:
to strike item 6 from the small-mesh multispecies from the Regulatory Reform Initiative list:
- 10a. Mr. Balzano moved to substitute and Mr. Grout seconded:
to recommend the Council remove all small-mesh multispecies regulatory streamlining items and send it back to the Whiting Committee for review.

The motion to substitute *carried* unanimously on a show of hands (16/0/0).

Main motion as substituted:
to recommend the Council remove all small-mesh multispecies regulatory streamlining items and send it back to the Whiting Committee for review.

The main motion as substituted *carried* unanimously on a show of hands (16/0/0).

Groundfish

11. Ms. Griffin Moved and Dr. McKenzie seconded:
to remove groundfish items 20-22 from the list of regulatory streamlining items (20: Remove mortality closed areas; 21: Reduce minimum mesh size for fishing gear targeting Georges Bank haddock; and 22: Eliminate minimum fish size for Georges Bank haddock).

The motion *carried* unanimously on a show of hands (16/0/0).

Thursday, June 14, 2018

HABITAT

Clam dredge Framework

1. Mr. Stockwell moved and Mr. Reid seconded:
To remand the draft Framework back to the Habitat Committee for further development, with a request to the clam industry to propose additional alternatives for analysis at the next Habitat meeting.
2. Mr. Grout moved on behalf of the Committee:
That the Council request that the Northeast Fisheries Science Center investigate the feasibility of side scan sonar surveys in any exemption areas designated under this framework.

The motion *carried* on a show of hands (16/0/1).

3. Mr. Grout moved on behalf of the Committee:
that the Council adopt the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's policies on offshore wind and oil and gas development.
- 3a. Ms. Mendelson moved to amend and Mr. Reid seconded:
That the Council adopt the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's policies on offshore wind and oil and gas development with the exception of the second policy goal for offshore oil. (Renewable energy, if implemented in a manner which minimizes impacts on fish habitat and fisheries, may be more consistent with the Council's vision for sustainable fisheries).

The motion to amend *failed* on a show of hands (3/10/3).

The main motion:

that the Council adopt the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's policies on offshore wind and oil and gas development.

The main motion *carried* unanimously on a show of hands (17/0/0).