

**NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**  
**June 23-25, 2020**  
**Via Webinar**

**FINAL MOTIONS**

**Tuesday, June 23, 2020**

**REPORTS ON RECENT ACTIVITIES**

1. Mr. Alexander moved and Ms. Etrie seconded:  
that the Council task staff to write a letter expressing the Council's concern regarding the redeployment of the observer program on July 1. Include observer testing protocols and medical waivers.

The Council agreed by consensus with 3 abstentions.

**2020-2024 COUNCIL RESEARCH PRIORITIES**

2. Consensus Statement: The Council accepts the revisions to its Research Priorities and Data Needs for 2020-2024 as updated by the FMP Committees and the Scientific and Statistical Committee for submission to GARFO/NMFS.

The Council agreed by consensus to adopt.

**ECOSYSTEM-BASED FISHERY MANAGEMENT (EBFM) COMMITTEE**

3. Mr. Pappalardo moved and Mr. Bellavance seconded:  
that the Council accept the draft stakeholder profiles, the draft infographic and the three draft workshop presentations, as adjusted by Council comment, for use in the EBFM public outreach workshops to be held at the end of 2020.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Aarrestad, Balzano, Bellavance, Godfroy, Patterson, Kendall, Ware, McKenzie, Olszewski, Pappalardo, Pentony, Griffin, Sissenwine

No: Etrie

Abstain: Alexander and Reid

The motion *carried* on a roll call vote (13/1/2).

**HABITAT COMMITTEE**

4. Consensus statement:  
that the Council send a comment letter to BOEM on the Vineyard Wind SEIS

(comments due July 27) after discussion with some of our partners.

The Council agreed by consensus with one abstention.

### **Wednesday, June 24, 2020**

#### **MONKFISH COMMITTEE REPORT**

1. Consensus Statement:  
that the Council refer the “Evaluation Methods to Estimate Discards for Calculating Total Allowable Landings” back to the Monkfish Committee and Advisors for consideration of next steps while developing FY 2021 priorities

The Council agreed by consensus.

#### **SCALLOP COMMITTEE REPORT**

2. Mr. Balzano moved on behalf of the Committee:  
that the Council select in Action 1 – Northern Gulf of Maine Catch Limits, Alternative 2 (4.1.2), Account for the Northern Gulf of Maine as part of the Acceptable Biological Catch and Annual Catch Limits, as preferred.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Gates, Alexander, Balzano, Bellavance, Etrie, Godfroy, Patterson, Kendall, Ware, Olszewski, Pappalardo, McKenzie, Pentony, Griffin, Sissenwine and Stockwell

No:

Abstain:

The motion *carried* unanimously on a roll call vote (16/0/0).

3. Mr. Stockwell moved and Ms. Patterson seconded:  
that the Council select in Action 2 – Northern Gulf of Maine Allocations, Alternative 2 Option 2 (4.2.2.2), Create a NGOM set-aside with a NGOM set-aside trigger of 600,000 pounds, as preferred. Pounds above the trigger would be split 25% to the NGOM set-aside and 75% for the NGOM APL up to 3 million pounds, then 5% for the NGOM set-aside and 95% for the NGOM APL.

- 3a. Mr. Alexander moved to amend and Ms. Etrie seconded:  
By striking the last sentence and inserting: Pounds over the trigger would be split 5/95 for the NGOM as preferred.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Alexander, Etrie, Griffin and Sissenwine

No: Gates, Balzano, Bellavance, Godfroy, Patterson, Kendall, Ware, McKenzie, Olszewski, Pappalardo and Stockwell

Abstain: Pentony

The motion to amend *failed* on a roll call vote (4/11/1).

Main motion:

Move that the Council select in Action 2 – Northern Gulf of Maine Allocations, Alternative 2 Option 2 (4.2.2.2), create a NGOM set-aside with a NGOM set-aside trigger of 600,000 pounds, as preferred. Pounds above the trigger would be split 25% to the NGOM set-aside and 75% for the NGOM APL up to 3 million pounds, then 5% for the NGOM set-aside and 95% for the NGOM APL.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Gates, Alexander, Balzano, Bellavance, Godfroy, Patterson, Kendall, Ware, McKenzie, Olszewski, Pappalardo, Griffin and Stockwell

No: Etrie and Sissenwine

Abstain: Pentony

The main motion *carried* on a roll call vote (13/2/1).

4. Mr. Balzano moved on behalf of the Committee:  
that the Council select in Action 3 – Monitoring Directed Scallop Fishing in the Northern Gulf Of Maine (NGOM) Management Area, Alternative 2 (4.3.2), Monitor directed scallop fishing in the NGOM by expanding the Scallop Industry Funded Observer program, use a portion of the NGOM Allocation to off-set monitoring costs, as preferred.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Gates, Alexander, Balzano, Bellavance, Etrie, Godfroy, Patterson, Kendall, Ware, McKenzie, Olszewski, Pappalardo, Pentony, Griffin, Sissenwine and Stockwell

No:

Abstain:

The motion *carried* unanimously on a roll call vote (16/0/0).

5. Mr. Balzano moved on behalf of the Committee:  
that the Council select in Action 4 – Support Scallop Research using Scallops from the Northern Gulf of Maine, Alternative 2 (4.4.2) Allocate a portion of the NGOM Allocation to increase the overall Scallop RSA and support Scallop RSA compensation fishing, with a modified version of Option 4 (4.4.2.4), allocate 25,000 pounds of NGOM Allocation to increase the overall RSA to 1.275 million pounds, as preferred.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Gates, Alexander, Balzano, Bellavance, Etrie, Godfroy, Patterson, Kendall, Ware, McKenzie, Olszewski, Pappalardo, Pentony, Griffin, Sissenwine and Stockwell

No:

Abstain:

The motion *carried* unanimously on a roll call vote (16/0/0).

6. Mr. Balzano moved on behalf of the Committee:  
that the Council select in Action 5 – Northern Gulf of Maine Fishing Season, Alternative 1 (4.5.1) No Action, as preferred.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Gates, Alexander, Balzano, Bellavance, Etrie, Godfroy, Patterson, Kendall, Ware, McKenzie, Olszewski, Pappalardo, Pentony, Griffin, Sissenwine and Stockwell

No:

Abstain:

The motion *carried* unanimously on a roll call vote (16/0/0).

7. Mr. Balzano moved on behalf of the Committee:  
that the Council select in Action 6 – Cumulative Maximum Dredge Width That Can Be Fished in The Northern Gulf of Maine Management Area, Alternative 1 (4.6.1) No Action, as preferred.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Gates, Alexander, Balzano, Bellavance, Etrie, Godfroy, Patterson, Kendall, Ware, McKenzie, Olszewski, Pappalardo, Pentony, Griffin, Sissenwine and Stockwell

No:

Abstain:

The motion *carried* unanimously on a roll call vote (16/0/0).

8. Mr. Balzano moved on behalf of the Committee:  
that the Council select in Action 7 - Increase the LAGC IFQ Possession Limit, Alternative 2, Option 2 (4.7.2.2) Increase the LAGC IFQ possession limit to 800 pounds per trip for only access area trips, as preferred.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Gates, Alexander, Balzano, Bellavance, Godfroy, Patterson, Kendall, Ware, McKenzie, Olszewski, Pappalardo, Griffin, Sissenwine and Stockwell

No: Etrie

Abstain: Pentony

The motion *carried* on a roll call vote (14/1/1).

9. Mr. Balzano moved on behalf of the Committee:  
that the Council select in Action 8 - Increase the Amount of Observer Compensation Available for LAGC IFQ vessels, Alternative 2 (4.8.2), Prorate daily compensation rate in 12-hour increments for observed LAGC IFQ trips longer than one day (capped at 48 hours), as preferred.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Gates, Alexander, Balzano, Bellavance, Godfroy, Patterson, Kendall, Ware, McKenzie, Olszewski, Pappalardo, Pentony, Griffin, Sissenwine and Stockwell

No: Etrie

Abstain:

The motion *carried* on a roll call vote (15/1/0).

10. Mr. Balzano moved on behalf of the Committee:  
that the Council select in Action 9 - One-Way Transfer of Quota from LA with IFQ to LAGC IFQ-Only, Alternative 2 Option 1 (4.9.2.1), Allow temporary transfers of quota from LA vessels with IFQ to LAGC IFQ-only with no change to pool of quota LAGC IFQ quota accumulation caps apply to, (5% of APL), as preferred.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Gates, Alexander, Balzano, Bellavance, Godfroy, Patterson, Kendall, Ware, McKenzie, Olszewski, Pappalardo, Pentony, Griffin, Sissenwine and Stockwell

No: Etrie

Abstain:

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

11. Mr. Balzano moved on behalf of the Committee:  
that the Council select as preferred in Action 10, Alternative 2 (4.10.2) expand the list of measures that can be addressed through specifications and/or framework adjustments, with the following additions:
1. Limits on the number of trips or sailings per week for LAGC in NGOM
  2. Seasonal Closures
  3. Limiting transfers between General Category permit types

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Gates, Balzano, Godfroy, Patterson, Sissenwine and Stockwell

No: Alexander, Bellavance, Kendall, Ware, McKenzie, Olszewski, Pappalardo and Griffin

Abstain: Etrie and Pentony

The motion *fails* on a roll call vote (6/8/2).

12. Mr. Balzano moved on behalf of the Committee:  
that the Council approves the Draft Amendment 21 for public hearings, via webinar.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Gates, Balzano, Bellavance, Godfroy, Patterson, Kendall, Ware, McKenzie, Olszewski, Pappalardo, Pentony, Griffin, Sissenwine and Stockwell

No: Alexander and Etrie

Abstain:

The motion *carried* on a roll call vote (14/2/0).

2021/2022 Scallop RSA Research Priorities

13. Mr. Balzano moved on behalf of the Committee:  
that the Council approve the Scallop research set-aside priorities for 2021/2022 as recommended by the Scallop Committee on pages 1 and 2 of document #3a, (Tab 4). The priority list is summarized in the table below.

#	HIGHEST PRIORITY (1a, 1b, 1c)		GENERAL RESEARCH (4, 5, & 6 - not ranked)
1a	Intensive surveys of access areas	4	Scallop Recruitment Supplementation
1b	Intensive surveys of areas of interest and GOM		
1c	Broadscale surveys of GB and MA	5	Bycatch: Small scallops & non-target species
	HIGH PRIORITY (2 & 3- rank order)		
2	Sea turtle research	6	Gear: Commercial dredge research
3	Research on scallop biology		

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Gates, Alexander, Balzano, Bellavance, Etrie, Godfroy, Patterson, Kendall, Ware, McKenzie, Olszewski, Pappalardo, Pentony, Griffin and Stockwell

No:

Abstain: Sissenwine

The motion *carried* on a roll call vote (15/0/1).

Framework Adjustment 33

14. Mr. Balzano moved and Ms. Griffin seconded  
that the Council initiate Framework Adjustment 33, an action that will set fishery specifications for fishing year 2021 and default measures for 2022.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Gates, Alexander, Balzano, Bellavance, Etrie, Godfroy, Patterson, Kendall, Ware, McKenzie, Olszewski, Pappalardo, Pentony, Griffin, Sissenwine and Stockwell

No:

Abstain:

The motion *carried* unanimously on a roll call vote (16/0/0).

## **SKATE COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **Amendment 5**

#### **Problem Statement**

15. Dr. McKenzie moved on behalf of the Committee:  
that the Council recommends the following problem statement for Amendment 5 to the Skate FMP:  
“There is considerable latent effort in both fisheries - a relatively small portion of vessels account for the majority of landings in most years, and the Council is concerned that activation of latent permits could lead to shortened seasons, as well as increased catch of non-target species if racing to fish increases. This could cause unrestrained increases in fishing effort by new entrants to the fishery. Therefore, further restricting access will help to ensure access to the quota for participants that have participated on a regular basis and therefore have some degree of dependency. Additional effort could also increase daily landings, making it difficult to close the fishery in a timely fashion, which could negatively impact the skate resource.”

Roll Call Vote:

Yes:

No: Gates, Alexander, Balzano, Bellavance, Etrie, Godfroy, Patterson, Kendall, Ware, McKenzie, Olszewski, Pappalardo, Pentony, Griffin, Sissenwine and Stockwell

Abstain:

The motion *failed* unanimously on a roll call vote (16/0/0).

16. Mr. Alexander moved and Mr. Gates seconded:  
that the Council cease work on Skate Amendment 5.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Gates, Alexander, Etrie, Ware

No: Balzano, Bellavance, Godfroy, Patterson, Kendall, Olszewski, Pappalardo, Griffin, Sissenwine and Stockwell

Abstain: McKenzie and Pentony

The motion *failed* on a roll call vote (4/10/2).

17. Consensus statement:  
to remand this problem statement and goals and objectives back to the Skate Committee.

The Council agreed by consensus.

## **ATLANTIC HERRING COMMITTEE REPORT**

### **Framework Adjustment 8**

18. Mr. Kendall moved on behalf of the Committee:  
 that the Council include two alternatives in Framework 8 for Incidental Herring Catch Limit, Include Option A – No Action (2,000 lbs.) and Option B – 40,000 lbs. herring trip limit. The increased possession limit would be limited to Areas 1B, Area 2 and Area 3 only. The possession limit would be triggered at the current thresholds of 92% of a sub-ACL or 95% of the total ACL. And when the herring fishery is estimated to catch 95% of a sub-ACL or 98% of the total herring ACL a 2,000 lb. incidental possession limit would be implemented in that area.

<b>Option B</b>	<b>Sub-ACL</b>	<b>Total ACL</b>
STEP 1	40,000 lb. possession limit at 92%	40,000 lb. at 95%
STEP 2	2,000 lb. possession limit at 95%	2,000 lb. at 98%

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Gates, Alexander, Balzano, Bellavance, Patterson, Kendall, Olszewski, Pentony, Griffin, Sissenwine, Pappalardo, Godfroy and Stockwell

No: Ware

Abstain: Etrie and McKenzie

The motion *carried* on a roll call vote (13/1/2).

19. Mr. Kendall moved on behalf of the Committee:  
 that the Council include another alternative in Framework 8 for Incidental Herring Catch Limit:  
 Implement a two-step incidental possession limit similar to the mackerel plan:  
 1. Step 1: When 90% of a herring sub-ACL is estimated to be caught, a herring incidental catch limit is established between a range of 5,000 lbs. to 20,000 lbs.  
 2. Step 2: When 95% of a herring management area sub-ACL, or 95% of the total herring ACL is estimated to be caught, the herring incidental catch limit reduces to 2,000 lbs.  
 The increased possession limit would be limited to Areas 1B, Area 2 and Area 3 only.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Gates, Bellavance, Godfroy, Patterson, Kendall, Ware, McKenzie, Olszewski, Pappalardo, Pentony and Stockwell

No: Balzano, Etrie, Griffin and Sissenwine

Abstain:

The motion *carried* on a roll call vote (11/4/0).

20. Mr. Kendall moved on behalf of the Committee:  
 that the Council include two alternatives in Framework 8 under Seasonal Closures for Area 1B, include No Action (area closed Jan-Apr) and eliminate seasonal closures in that Area.

Roll Call Vote:



Yes: Gates, Balzano, Bellavance, Etrie, Godfroy, Patterson, Kendall, Ware, Olszewski, Pappalardo, Pentony, Griffin, Sissenwine and Stockwell

No: McKenzie

Abstain:

The motion carried on a roll call vote (14/1/0).

21. Ms. Etrie moved and Mr. Balzano seconded:  
to request the herring PDT analyze a 10 year rebuilding program, consistent with National Standard 1 Guidelines for consideration in setting the 2021-2023 ABC for the fishery.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Balzano, Etrie, Pentony and Griffin

No: Gates, Bellavance, Godfroy, Patterson, Kendall, Ware, McKenzie, Olszewski, Pappalardo, Sissenwine and Stockwell

Abstain:

The motion *failed* on a roll call vote (4/11/0).

**Thursday, June 25, 2020**

### **WHITING COMMITTEE REPORT**

1. Mr. Bellavance moved on behalf of the Committee:  
that the Council approve Alternative 2, Section 4.1.2, with Tmax = 10-year rebuilding and 4.1.2.1 Option A, Section 4.1.2.1, setting ABC = 75% of Fmsy proxy as the preferred alternative.
  - 1a. Mr. Reid moved to substitute and Mr. Alexander seconded:  
to approve an additional alternative, having a 10-year rebuilding schedule (Tmin=7 years, Ttarget= 10 years, Tmax = 10 years and in Section 4.1.2.1 Option A, setting ABC= 75% of Fmsy proxy.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Alexander, Reid, Balzano and Etrie

No: Aarrestad, Bellavance, Godfroy, Patterson, Kendall, Ware, McKenzie, Olszewski, Pappalardo, Pentony, Griffin, Sissenwine and Stockwell

Abstain:

The motion to substitute *failed* on a roll call vote (4/13/0).

Main motion

that the Council approve Alternative 2, Section 4.1.2, with Tmax = 10-year rebuilding and

4.1.2.1 Option A, Section 4.1.2.1, setting ABC = 75% of Fmsy proxy as the preferred alternative.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Aarrestad, Balzano, Bellavance, Godfroy, Patterson, Kendall, Ware, Olszewski, Pappalardo, Pentony, Griffin, Sissenwine and Stockwell

No: Alexander and Reid

Abstain: Etrie and McKenzie

The motion *carried* on a roll call vote (13/2/2).

2. Mr. Bellavance moved on behalf of the Committee:  
That the Council approve Option C (Section 4.2.3.3) 600 lbs. possession limit year-round when using small-mesh and Option D (Section 4.2.3.4): 1,000 lbs. possession limit when using large-mesh or selective small-mesh including but not limited to large-mesh belly panel, raised footrope, rope net, etc.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Aarrestad, Alexander, Balzano, Bellavance, Etrie, Godfroy, Patterson, Kendall, Ware, McKenzie, Olszewski, Pappalardo, Pentony, Griffin, Reid, Sissenwine and Stockwell

No:

Abstain:

The motion *carried* unanimously on a roll call vote (16/0/0).

3. Mr. Bellavance moved and Mr. Kendall seconded:  
to approve Framework Adjustment 62 for submission to GARFO/NMFS.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Aarrestad, Alexander, Balzano, Bellavance, Etrie, Godfroy, Patterson, Kendall, Ware, McKenzie, Olszewski, Pappalardo, Griffin, Reid, Sissenwine and Stockwell

No:

Abstain: Pentony

The motion *carried* on a roll call vote (15/0/1).

### **PETITION FOR RULEMAKING ON ATLANTIC COD**

4. Ms. Etrie moved and Mr. Alexander seconded:  
to place the CLF petition on the agendas of the next appropriate Recreational Advisors, Groundfish Advisors and Groundfish Committees meetings for discussion to be reported back to the full Council in September. Work on Amendment 23, TRAC, and Framework Adjustment 61 should still take priority.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Gates, Alexander, Balzano, Bellavance, Etrie, Godfroy, Patterson, Kendall, Ware, Olszewski, Pappalardo, Pentony, Griffin, Reid, Sissenwine and Stockwell

No: McKenzie

Abstain:

The motion *carried* on a roll call vote (16/1/0).

## **GROUND FISH COMMITTEE REPORT**

### Amendment 23

5. Mr. Pappalardo moved and Mr. Godfroy seconded:  
that the Council take final action on Amendment 23 at its September 2020 Council meeting with every effort to hold in-person public hearings where possible.
- 5a. Mr. Godfroy moved to amend and Mr. Stockwell seconded:  
to strike “with every effort to hold in-person public hearings where possible”

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Gates, Balzano, Bellavance, Godfroy, Patterson, Kendall, McKenzie, Olszewski, Pappalardo, Pentony, Griffin, Sissenwine and Stockwell

No: Alexander, Etrie, Ware and Reid

Abstain:

The motion to amend *carried* on a roll call vote (13/4/0).

Main motion as amended:

that the Council take final action on Amendment 23 at its September 2020 Council meeting.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Gates, Balzano, Bellavance, Godfroy, Patterson, Kendall, Ware, McKenzie, Olszewski, Pappalardo, Pentony, Griffin, Sissenwine and Stockwell

No: Alexander, Etrie and Reid

Abstain:

The motion as amended *carried* on a roll call vote (14/3/0).

### COVID-19 Commercial Fishery Impacts

6. Mr. Stockwell moved on behalf of the Committee:  
that the Council requests GARFO initiate an Emergency Action for the groundfish fishery in light of COVID-19 measures to include:
  - 1) Allow sectors to carryover more than 10% of their unused FY2019 into FY2020 for GOM haddock, GB haddock, American plaice, and witch flounder, consistent with GARFO memo to Council on June 3, 2020.

2) Request GARFO evaluate the de minimis carryover provision to enable sectors to allow de minimis carryover of FY2019 ACE to be more than 1% of the FY2020 sector sub-ACL of stocks without fear of triggering a pound for pound payback in FY2021. This analysis should look at all stocks with carryover.

3) Upon conclusion of the FY2019 reconciliation process, allow sectors who do not have the maximum allowed carryover of the stocks above to trade with sectors who do in order to allow all sectors the chance of replenishing their carryover in light of COVID-19 (within the same trading window).

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Gates, Alexander, Balzano, Bellavance, Etrie, Godfroy, Patterson, Ware, McKenzie, Olszewski, Pappalardo, Griffin, Reid, Sissenwine and Stockwell

No: Pentony

Abstain:

The motion *carried* on a roll call vote (15/1/0).

7. Mr. Alexander moved and Mr. Reid seconded:  
that 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 10 regular DAS they are currently allowed to carry over.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Gates, Alexander, Balzano, Bellavance, Etrie, Godfroy, Patterson, Ware, McKenzie, Olszewski, Pappalardo, Griffin, Reid, Sissenwine and Stockwell

No: Pentony

Abstain:

The motion *carried* on a roll call vote (15/1/0).

8. Ms. Etrie moved and Ms. Ware seconded:  
to write a letter to GARFO requesting that the Agency immediately issue a rule reverting the Redfish Exemption Area back to its FY 2019 state and urge the agency to work collaboratively with Sectors and their members to understand the nature of the fishery, the exemption as refined in FY 2015 and if necessary develop modifications for future rulemaking.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Gates, Alexander, Bellavance, Balzano, Etrie, Godfroy, Patterson, Ware, Olszewski, Griffin, Reid, Sissenwine and Stockwell

No: McKenzie

Abstain: Pappalardo and Pentony

The motion *carried* on a roll call vote (13/1/2).

9. Ms. Griffin moved and Mr. Pappalardo seconded:  
that the Council revise the recommendation for for-hire fishing for GOM cod to add two weeks (September 8-14 and October 1-7) to the current September 15-30 season for cod for FY2020 only.

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Gates, Bellavance, Godfroy, Patterson, McKenzie, Olszewski, Pappalardo, Griffin, Reid, Stockwell and Alexander

No: Balzano, Etrie, Ware and Sissenwine

Abstain: Pentony

The motion *carried* on a roll call vote (11/4/1).

### Framework Adjustment 61/Specifications

10. Mr. Stockwell moved on behalf of the Committee:  
that the Council initiates Framework Adjustment 61 to include:
- 2021 total allowable catches (TACs) for U.S./Canada stocks of Eastern Georges Bank (GB) cod, Eastern GB haddock, and GB yellowtail flounder.
  - 2021-2023 specifications for roughly half of the groundfish stocks:
  - Winter flounders (GB, GOM, and SNE/MA), redfish, halibut, windowpane flounders (northern and southern), ocean pout, and wolffish.
  - Other measures:
  - address commercial/recreational allocation issues if raised by new MRIP data, and
  - investigate ways to increase GB haddock utilization, including modification of gear requirements.

- 10a. Mr. Stockwell moved to amend and Ms. Patterson seconded:  
to add white hake rebuilding to Framework 61

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Gates, Alexander, Balzano, Bellavance, Etrie, Godfroy, Patterson, Ware, McKenzie, Olszewski, Pappalardo, Pentony, Griffin, Reid, Sissenwine and Stockwell

No:

Abstain:

The motion to amend *carried* unanimously on a roll call vote (16/0/0).

The main motion as amended:

that the Council initiates Framework Adjustment 61 to include:

- 2021 total allowable catches (TACs) for U.S./Canada stocks of Eastern Georges Bank (GB) cod, Eastern GB haddock, and GB yellowtail flounder.
- 2021-2023 specifications for roughly half of the groundfish stocks:
- Winter flounders (GB, GOM, and SNE/MA), redfish, halibut, windowpane flounders (northern and southern), ocean pout, and wolffish.

- Other measures:
- address commercial/recreational allocation issues if raised by new MRIP data, and
- investigate ways to increase GB haddock utilization, including modification of gear requirements.
- Rebuild white hake stock

Roll Call Vote:

Yes: Gates, Alexander, Balzano, Bellavance, Etrie, Godfroy, Patterson, Ware, McKenzie, Olszewski, Pappalardo, Pentony, Griffin, Reid, Sissenwine and Stockwell

No:

Abstain:

The main motion as amended *carried* unanimously on a roll call vote (16/0/0).