

New England Fishery Management Council

Groundfish Committee Meeting

New Bedford, Massachusetts

September 12, 2016

Meeting Motions

Framework Adjustment 56

Motion 1: Kendall/Balzano

That the Committee recommends that the Council move to “Considered but Rejected” Sub-Option 2B (Increase the Midwater Trawl Atlantic Herring Fishery Sub-ACL for Georges Bank Haddock with a transfer provision) in Section 4.1.2 (Annual Catch Limits).

Motion 1 **carried** (9/0/1).

Motion 2: Etrie/Hughes

That the Committee recommends to the Council to add to Sub-Option 2A (Increase the Midwater Trawl Atlantic Herring Fishery Sub-ACL for Georges Bank Haddock) in Section 4.1.2 (Annual Catch Limits) that with the increase in the sub-ACL percentage from 1% to 1.5% or 2% that the allocation would be reviewed on a biennial basis through the specifications process for Georges Bank haddock for modification of the catch cap up to 2% of the U.S. ABC.

Motion 2 **carried** (7/1/2).

Motion 3: Kendall/Heil

The Committee recommends to the Council that revisions to the recreational measures management process be removed from development in Framework Adjustment 56.

Motion 3a: Kendall/Heil as friendly amended

The Committee recommends to the Council that revisions to the recreational measures management process to include in-season adjustments be removed from development in Framework Adjustment 56.

Motion 3b to amend: Griffin/Hughes

The Committee recommends to the Council that revisions to the recreational measures management process to include in-season adjustments be removed from development in Framework Adjustment 56, and the Committee recommends that the Council write a letter from to GARFO urging continued collaboration (i.e., amongst Council, GARFO, Center staff) and improvements to timeliness of information to allow for recreational measures to be known as soon as possible.

Motion 3b to amend **carried** (8/0/2).

Motion 3b as the main motion **carried** (6/0/4).

Motion 4: Heil/Hughes

The Committee recommends that the Council move Sub-Option 1C (Use a Dual Fixed Percentage Baseline) to determine a sub-ACL for northern windowpane flounder in the scallop fishery in Section 4.1.2 (Annual Catch Limits) to “Considered but Rejected”.

Motion 4 **carried** 8/0/1.

Groundfish Priorities 2017

By consensus to add to the list for initial consideration and discussion by the Council, if not already on the list (in no particular order):

- Setting groundfish specifications
- Continuing the groundfish monitoring action
- Reviewing exempted fisheries (i.e., the small dredge exemption for the scallop fishery)
- Revising Atlantic halibut management
- In-season adjustments for the recreational fishery
- Limited entry party/charter