

New England Fishery Management Council

Recreational Advisory Panel

Plymouth, Massachusetts

October 29, 2018

Meeting Motions and Consensus Statements

2019 Priorities

Consensus Statement #1

The Recreational Advisory Panel recommends to the Groundfish Committee for 2019 priorities that the most important priority would be to review the recreational allocations for Gulf of Maine cod and Gulf of Maine haddock using the most recent information from the 2019 assessments, and if determined necessary, make changes through the annual framework action with 2020-2022 specifications.

Consensus Statement #2

The Recreational Advisory Panel recommends to the Groundfish Committee for 2019 priorities to develop a Recreational Committee/Working Group to focus on groundfish and non-groundfish recreational management issues.

Motion 1: Plaia/Sterrit

The Recreational Advisory Panel recommends to the Groundfish Committee to remove from consideration for 2019 priorities the listening sessions for possible limited entry for party and charter in the recreational Northeast Multispecies (groundfish) fishery.

Motion 1 *failed* 3/4/0.

Consensus Statement #3

The Recreational Advisory Panel recommends to the Groundfish Committee for 2019 priorities, in ranked order of highest importance:

1. Review the recreational allocations for Gulf of Maine cod and Gulf of Maine haddock using the most recent information from the 2019 assessments, and if determined necessary, make changes through the annual framework action with 2020-2022 specifications.
2. Develop a Recreational Committee/Working Group to focus on groundfish and non-groundfish recreational management issues.
3. Continue to hold listening sessions for possible limited entry for party and charter in the recreational Northeast Multispecies (groundfish) fishery to help the Council determine next steps.

Consideration of Possible Management Measures for 2019

Consensus Statement #4

The Recreational Advisory Panel recommends to the Groundfish Committee to develop options for 2019 management measures, for consideration in January 2019, of separate measures by recreational fishing mode (party, charter, and private) for Gulf of Maine cod and Gulf of Maine haddock, while being fair and equitable across modes.