

New England Fishery Management Council

Groundfish Committee

By Webinar
January 26, 2021

DRAFT Meeting Motions

<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Present</u>
Terry Alexander (Chair)	X
Rick Bellavance (Vice-Chair)	X
Vincent Balzano	X
Pete Christopher (GARFO)	X
Tony DiLernia (MAFMC)	X
Libby Etrie	X
Matt Gates	X
Mark Godfroy	X
Melanie Griffin	X
Matt McKenzie	X
Scott Olszewski	X
John Pappalardo	X
Cheri Patterson	X
John Quinn	
Eric Reid	X
Dan Salerno	X
Mike Sissenwine	X
Wes Townsend (MAFMC)	<i>Absent</i>
Alan Tracy	X
Megan Ware	X

The meeting started at 9:00am.

Framework Adjustment 61/Specifications and Management Measures

4.4 Action 4 – Commercial Fishery Measures for Sectors

1. Ms. Etrie moved and Mr. Salerno seconded:

That the Committee adopt the following clarification: annual and monthly thresholds are intended to provide more defined performance standards, accountability, and transparency to achieve the goals and objectives of 4.4.2 Alternative 2 – Universal Sector Exemption for Redfish.

<u>Member</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Terry Alexander (Chair)			
Rick Bellavance (Vice-Chair)	X		
Vincent Balzano	X		
Pete Christopher (GARFO)	X		
Tony DiLernia (MAFMC)	X		
Libby Etrie	X		
Matt Gates	X		
Mark Godfroy	X		
Melanie Griffin	X		
Matt McKenzie	X		
Scott Olszewski	X		
John Pappalardo	X		
Cheri Patterson	X		
John Quinn			X
Eric Reid	X		
Dan Salerno	X		
Mike Sissenwine	X		
Alan Tracy	X		
Megan Ware	X		

The motion carried on a roll call vote (17/0/1).

2. Ms. Etrie moved and Mr. Salerno seconded:

That the Committee include in 4.4.2 Alternative 2 – Universal Sector Exemption for Redfish: The purpose is to establish a universal exemption, rather than an annual exemption, to increase stability and certainty for current and potential participants and improve Council control and oversight of the fishery.

The goal of the redfish universal sector exemption is to achieve optimum yield of the redfish resource.

Objectives include:

1. Allow use of an efficient mesh size codend to facilitate harvest of redfish.
2. Increase the harvest of redfish while reducing to the extent practicable bycatch of other groundfish stocks.
3. Restore flexibility lost with 2020 contraction of the redfish exemption area.
4. Remove areas from the exemption which provide little opportunity to effectively target redfish, or little ability to achieve exemption performance thresholds.

<u>Member</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Terry Alexander (Chair)			
Rick Bellavance (Vice-Chair)	X		
Vincent Balzano	X		
Pete Christopher (GARFO)	X		
Tony DiLernia (MAFMC)	X		
Libby Etrie	X		
Matt Gates	X		
Mark Godfroy	X		
Melanie Griffin	X		
Matt McKenzie	X		
Scott Olszewski	X		
John Pappalardo	X		
Cheri Patterson	X		
John Quinn			X
Eric Reid	X		
Dan Salerno	X		
Mike Sissenwine	X		
Alan Tracy	X		
Megan Ware	X		

The motion carried on a roll call vote (17/0/1).

3. Ms. Etrie moved and Mr. Salerno seconded:

That the Committee recommends that NMFS/GARFO be tasked with monitoring and enforcement of any thresholds and recommends this be clarified in the alternative. Sectors would be responsible for complying with the exemption (as with all sector provisions).

<u>Member</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Terry Alexander (Chair)			
Rick Bellavance (Vice-Chair)	X		
Vincent Balzano	X		
Pete Christopher (GARFO)	X		
Tony DiLernia (MAFMC)	X		
Libby Etrie	X		
Matt Gates	X		
Mark Godfroy	X		
Melanie Griffin	X		
Matt McKenzie	X		
Scott Olszewski	X		
John Pappalardo	X		
Cheri Patterson	X		
John Quinn			X
Eric Reid	X		
Dan Salerno	X		
Mike Sissenwine	X		
Alan Tracy	X		
Megan Ware	X		

The motion carried on a roll call vote (17/0/1).

4.Ms. Etrie moved and Mr. Salerno seconded:

That the Committee include in the alternative a review to occur the next time the redfish stock is assessed. The review could include evaluation of the monthly and annual thresholds performance, vessel-level performance, bycatch of other groundfish stocks, any observed changes in selectivity, as well as purpose, goals, and objectives but is not limited to these criteria. The Groundfish PDT would prepare a report to the Groundfish Committee.

<u>Member</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Terry Alexander (Chair)			
Rick Bellavance (Vice-Chair)	X		
Vincent Balzano	X		
Pete Christopher (GARFO)	X		
Tony DiLernia (MAFMC)			X
Libby Etrie	X		
Matt Gates	X		
Mark Godfroy	X		
Melanie Griffin	X		
Matt McKenzie	X		
Scott Olszewski	X		
John Pappalardo	X		
Cheri Patterson	X		
John Quinn			X
Eric Reid	X		
Dan Salerno	X		
Mike Sissenwine	X		
Alan Tracy	X		
Megan Ware	X		

The motion carried on a roll call vote (16/0/2).

5. Ms. Etrie moved and Mr. Salerno seconded:

That the Committee select 4.4.2 – Alternative 2 (Universal Sector Exemption for Redfish) and 4.4.2.1 Performance Standards/Accountability Measures 4.4.2.1.1 Option A (Performance Standards for Monthly Redfish Landings Threshold and Groundfish Discards) and 4.4.2.1.2 Option B (Annual Redfish Landings Threshold and Performance Standards) as modified today as the preferred alternative.

<u>Member</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Terry Alexander (Chair)			
Rick Bellavance (Vice-Chair)	X		
Vincent Balzano	X		
Pete Christopher (GARFO)			X
Tony DiLernia (MAFMC)			X
Libby Etrie	X		
Matt Gates	X		
Mark Godfroy	X		
Melanie Griffin	X		
Matt McKenzie			X
Scott Olszewski	X		
John Pappalardo	X		
Cheri Patterson	X		
John Quinn			X
Eric Reid	X		
Dan Salerno	X		
Mike Sissenwine	X		
Alan Tracy	X		
Megan Ware	X		

The motion carried on a roll call vote (14/0/4).

Fishing Year 2021 Recreational Measures

6. Mr. Godfroy moved and Mr. Bellavance seconded:

That the Committee recommend “status quo” measures for Fishing Year 2021, as:
Gulf of Maine cod

- Private mode: Open Season: September 15-30 and April 1-14
- Party/Charter: Open Season: September 8-October 7 and April 1-14
- Bag Limit: 1 fish
- Minimum Size: 21 inches

Gulf of Maine haddock

- Open Season: May 1 – February 28 and April 1-30
- Bag Limit: 15 fish
- Minimum Size: 17 inches

<u>Member</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
Terry Alexander (Chair)			
Rick Bellavance (Vice-Chair)	X		
Vincent Balzano	X		
Pete Christopher (GARFO)			X
Tony DiLernia (MAFMC)	X		
Libby Etrie			X
Matt Gates	X		
Mark Godfroy	X		
Melanie Griffin	X		
Matt McKenzie		X	
Scott Olszewski	X		
John Pappalardo	X		
Cheri Patterson	X		
John Quinn			X
Eric Reid	X		
Dan Salerno	X		
Mike Sissenwine	X		
Alan Tracy	X		
Megan Ware	X		

The motion carried on a roll call vote (14/1/3).

The meeting adjourned at 4:00pm.