

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Hilton Mystic, Mystic, CT
April 26-28, 2011
Motions

Tuesday, April 26, 2011

CATCH SHARE WORKSHOP DISCUSSION

1. Mr. Stockwell moved and Ms. Tooley seconded:
to postpone the Catch Share workshop until after the Sector workshop and address the timing of the Catch Share workshop during the 2012 priority setting discussion.

The motion **carried** on a show of hands (9/8/0).

Wednesday, April 27, 2011

RESEARCH STEERING

1. Ms. Tooley moved and Mr. Stockwell seconded:
that the mid-eliminator trawl be moved forward to the Groundfish Committee and PDT, and that this motion be considered as Executive Committee approval. Also, request that the Agency reconsider the exemption request made by sector operations plans for fishing year 2011 to use this gear for all purposes as the current Ruhle trawl, including unique discard strata.
- 1a. Dr. Pierce moved to substitute and Mr. Avila seconded:
that the Council approve the use of the 250 x 40cm eliminator trawl and request the Regional Administrator approve this gear as a 2011 sector exemption.

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

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

HERRING

2. Mr. Stockwell moved and Dr. Pierce seconded:
to remove the provision to approve exemptions for dealers from the Amendment 5 document.

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

Thursday, April 28, 2011

NANTUCKET LIGHTSHIP DISCUSSION

1. Dr. Pierce moved and Mr. Preble seconded:
to request that the Regional Administrator take emergency action to prevent 2011 Nantucket Lightship Closed Area trips thereby reducing the risk that:
 - (a) the scallop ACL will be exceeded triggering an accountability measure (AM) in 2012, and
 - (b) the Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic yellowtail flounder sub-ACL will be exceeded triggering an AM in 2012 (open area time/area closure starting March 2012).

The motion **carried** on a show of hands (14/2/0).

AREA MANAGEMENT

2. Mr. Preble moved and Mr. Grout seconded:
to expand the planned EFH action to modify existing groundfish closures to be consistent with habitat actions.
- 2a. Mr. Cunningham moved to substitute and Mr. Stockwell seconded:
to select Option 3 to expand scope of EFH action to include modification of groundfish closed areas.

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

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

GROUND FISH

Framework 46 Haddock Catch Caps

3. Mr. Cunningham moved on behalf of the committee:
recommend that the Council approve Framework Adjustment 46 to the groundfish FMP with Option 2 as the preferred alternative.
- 3a. Mr. Odlin moved to substitute and Mr. Stockwell seconded:
to select Option 3 as the preferred alternative, with the Sub-Option A trigger -- midwater trawl exceeds 1% and other subcomponents exceed 4%.

The motion to **substitute failed** on a roll call vote with one (1) recusal, Ms. Tooley (6/9/1).

Yes – Messrs. Alexander, Avila, Gibson, Odlin, Pierce and Stockwell

No – Messrs. Blount, Cunningham, Fair, Goethel, Grout, Leary, Libby, Preble and Ms. McGee

Abstention(s) – Ms. Kurkul

Recusal(s) – Ms. Tooley

The main motion **carried** on a show of hands with one (1) recusal, Ms. Tooley (13/2/1).

4. Mr. Cunningham moved on behalf of the committee:
to submit Framework Adjustment 46 to NMFS for approval.

The motion **carried** on a show of hands with one (1) recusal, Ms. Tooley (16/0/1).

TMGC

5. Mr. Cunningham moved on behalf of the committee:
recommend that the Council develop, through an action, a TMGC quota-trading mechanism incorporating Council and NMFS staff's policy and process recommendations.

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

Sector Review Meeting

6. Mr. Cunningham moved on behalf of the committee:
request that the Executive Committee and/or Council schedule a Council meeting in July to receive reports directly from the sector managers.

- 6a. Mr. Odlin moved to amend and Mr. Leary seconded:
request that the Executive Committee and/or Council schedule a Council meeting as soon as practicable to receive reports directly from the sector managers.

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

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

Accumulation Caps

7. Mr. Cunningham moved on behalf of the committee:
recommend that the Council postpone further committee discussion of accumulation caps until after the July sector workshop.

- 7a. Mr. Cunningham moved to amend and Mr. Stockwell seconded:
recommend that the Council postpone further committee discussion of accumulation caps until after the sector workshop.

The motion to amend **carried** on a show of hands (13/3/0).

The main motion, as amended, **failed** on a show of hands (8/9/0).

8. Mr. Stockwell moved and Ms. Tooley seconded:
that the Council directs the Groundfish Committee to develop cap on the maximum number of permits an individual, an entity or a permit bank can own or control and that this be the sole purpose of the action (Amendment 18).

- 8a. Ms. McGee moved to substitute and Mr. Goethel seconded:
to establish an ad hoc Groundfish Accumulation Limit Committee made up of select industry, Council members and Advisory Panel members. This committee, chaired by an outside facilitator, would discuss accumulation limits, define goals for limits and submit a suite of options to the Council for consideration.

- 8b. The motion was perfected to read:
to establish an ad hoc Groundfish Accumulation Limit Committee made up of all members from the Groundfish Committee, the Groundfish PDT, the Groundfish Advisory Panel and select members of the SSC to conduct a facilitated meeting on accumulation limits and submit a suite of options to the Council for consideration.

The motion, as perfected, **carried** on a show of hands (14/0/1).

The perfected motion **carried** on a show of hands (14/0/1).

SNE Cod Issue

9. Mr. Cunningham moved on behalf of the committee:
recommend that the Council include an option in Framework 47 to create a cod bag limit on all recreational vessels (including party/charter vessels) for Georges Bank/Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic cod.

- 9a. Mr. Blount moved to substitute and Mr. Avila seconded:
move the previous motion to the priorities discussion at the November Council meeting.

The motion to **substitute carried** on a show of hands (13/0/2).

The substitute motion **carried** on a show of hands (13/0/2).

10. Mr. Odlin moved and Mr. Fair seconded:
request that the Council write a letter to NMFS expressing our concerns on the requirement to have
dockside monitors go down in the fishhold.

The motion **carried** on a show of hands (12/0/2).