

New England Fishery Management Council

Radisson Hotel

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September 18-19, 2007

MOTIONS

Tuesday, September 18, 2007

ELECTIONS

Chairman – John Pappalardo

Vice Chairman – Rip Cunningham

Executive Committee – Sally McGee, Dave Preble and Frank Blount

HERRING

1. Dr. Pierce moved and Mr. Stockwell seconded:
that NMFS reconsider its proposal to implement an Area 1A TAC of 45,000 mt for 2008 and 2009 and implement the Council's 50,000 mt Area 1A TAC instead. The basis for reconsideration would be the fall 2006 bottom trawl survey data that is the second highest in the time series.

1a. Mr. Nelson moved and Mr. Goethel seconded:
to table the previous motion.

The motion to table carried on a show of hands (10/4/0).

2. Dr. Pierce moved and Mr. Nelson seconded:
that the Council request consideration of an in-season action for next year to implement the 50,000mt area 1a quota. This action would be based on updated NEFSC fall survey information.

Yes – Pierce, Stockwell, Nelson, Rice, Salisbury

No – Blount, Cunningham, Goethel, Hill, Leary, McGee, Kurkul, Preble, Simpson, Gibson

Abstention(s) –

The motion failed on a roll call vote (5/10/0).

HABITAT

3. Ms. McGee moved on behalf of the habitat committee:
recommend that the Council implement a juvenile cod HAPC in the Great South Channel, as recommended by the PDT in its report dated August 30, 2007, described on page 3 and charted on page 4, and that includes a modified area within the Alternative 8 boundaries that overlaps the proposed juvenile cod EFH (Alternative 3e) and that is restricted to the area north of 41°N latitude, west of 69°W longitude and south of 42°15'N latitude and east of 70°W longitude.

Yes – Gibson, Simpson, Preble, Nelson, Kurkul, McGee, Hill, Goethel, Cunningham, Blount

No – Salisbury, Rice, Stockwell, Leary, Pierce

Abstention(s) –

The motion carried on a roll call vote (10/5/0).

4. Ms. McGee moved and Dr. Pierce seconded:
that the Council write a letter to invite one SMAST faculty or graduate student to participate as a member of the habitat PDT.

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

TMGC

5. Mr. Lapointe moved and Mr. Salisbury seconded:
that the Council approve the recommendation of the TMGC that the 2008 TAC for eastern Georges Bank cod should be 2,300 metric tons. Based on the approved sharing formula, the U.S. share will be 667 mt and the Canadian share will be 1,633 mt. This recommendation will be forwarded to NMFS for implementation.

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

6. Mr. Lapointe moved and Mr. Nelson seconded:
that the Council approve the recommendation of the TMGC that the 2008 TAC for eastern Georges Bank haddock should be 23,000 metric tons. Based on the approved sharing formula, the U.S. share will be 8,050 mt and the Canadian share will be 14,950 mt. This recommendation will be forwarded to NMFS for implementation.

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

7. Mr. Lapointe moved and Mr. Nelson seconded:
that the Council approve the recommendation of the TMGC that the 2008 TAC for Georges Bank yellowtail flounder should be 2,500 metric tons. Based on the approved sharing formula, the U.S. share will be 1,950 mt and the Canadian share will be 550 mt. This recommendation will be forwarded to NMFS for implementation.

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

MULTISPECIES (Groundfish)

8. Mr. Goethel moved and Mr. Gibson seconded:
to direct the Groundfish Committee to develop a plan to meet the May 2009 biological targets including, but not limited to, modifications to days-at-sea and recreational measures as necessary and further, to suspend work on sectors until this work is completed.

- 8a. The motion was perfected to read:
to direct the Groundfish Committee to develop a plan to meet the 2009 biological targets including, but not limited to, modifications to days-at-sea, accountability measures, annual catch limits and recreational measures as necessary and further to suspend work on sectors until this work is completed and that the Council form an ad hoc committee to concurrently continue to develop groundfish sectors.

- 8b. Dr. Pierce moved to split and Mr. Leary seconded:
the motion to split carried on a show of hands (9/6/0).

- 8c. The 1st part of the split motion was voted:
to direct the Groundfish Committee to develop a plan to meet the May 2009 biological targets including, but not limited to, modifications to days-at-sea, accountability measures, annual catch limits and recreational measures as necessary and further to suspend work on sectors until this work is completed.

The motion carried on a show of hands (8/7/0).

- 8d. The 2nd part of the split motion was voted:
that the Council form an ad hoc committee to concurrently continue to develop groundfish sectors.

- 8e. Mr. Preble moved and Mr. Cunningham seconded:
to table the previous motion.

The motion to table carried on a show of hands (9/5/1).

9. Mr. Cunningham moved on behalf of the committee:
that the Council recommend that the eastern Georges Bank area not open in FY 2008 until August 1 for trawl gear.

- 9a. Mr. Nelson moved to substitute and Mr. Salisbury seconded:
to remand the previous motion back to the Groundfish Committee for resolution.

The motion to substitute carried on a show of hands (9/4/0).

The substitute motion carried on a show of hands (9/5/0).

10. Ms. McGee moved and Mr. Simpson seconded:
to direct the Groundfish Committee to consider hard TACs for the common pool as a means for mortality control.

- 10a. Mr. Goethel moved to substitute and Dr. Pierce seconded:
to direct the Groundfish Committee to consider hard TACs for the common pool and recreational fishery as a means for mortality control.

The motion to substitute failed on a show of hands (5/8/0).

- 10b. The main motion was voted:
to direct the Groundfish Committee to consider hard TACs for the common pool as a means for mortality control. *(It was clarified that the intent of this motion is for the hard TAC to be developed as a backstop to the effort control system, and not as a stand-alone hard TAC alternative).*

The main motion carried on a show of hands (12/3/0).

Wednesday, September 18, 2007

SCALLOPS

1. Mr. Simpson moved and Mr. Cunningham seconded:
to include an alternative in Framework Adjustment 19 that would consider specific measures if Framework 19 is not in place by March 1, 2008 (see PDT memo dated August 30-Issue #1 for detailed measures). In addition, include that any landings from within the Northern Gulf of Maine (NGOM) area caught in fishing year 2008 above the ultimate TAC for 2008 will be reduced the following year.

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

2. Mr. Simpson moved and Mr. Cunningham seconded:
for Alternative 2.3.2.2, unused Hudson Canyon trips could only be used at a reduced level in other areas until the end of fishing year 2008.

- 2a. Ms. Kurkul moved to substitute and Mr. Salisbury seconded:
that Alternative 2.3.2.2 be removed from the Framework 19 document.

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

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

3. Mr. Simpson moved and Mr. Stockwell seconded:
if the Delmarva area opens in 2009, the same seasonal closure implemented to reduce potential interactions with sea turtles under Framework 18 for the elephant trunk area should also be considered for Delmarva (9/1-10/31). In addition, a similar notice action procedure should be considered if updated estimates suggest reduced effort is necessary.

The motion carried on a show of hands (12/0/1).

4. Mr. Simpson moved and Mr. Gibson seconded:
to include an alternative that would maintain the current fishing mortality target for overfishing at $F=0.20$.

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

5. Mr. Simpson moved and Mr. Stockwell seconded:
to remove Section 2.4.3.1.3 from the Framework 19 document.

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

6. Mr. Leary moved but it was not seconded:
to reconsider Motion 2a.

MONKFISH

7. Mr. Nelson moved and Mr. Salisbury seconded:
that the 7 issues outlined in the 9/4/07 memo to Council, as well as the recommendations from the Northeast Data Poor Working group, be forwarded to the Monkfish Committee for consideration through the initiation of Framework 5.

- 7a. Ms. Kurkul moved to amend and Mr. Cunningham seconded:
to exclude issues 2, 3 and 4.

The motion to amend carried on a show of hands (11/1/1).

- 7b. The amended motion was voted:
that issues 1, 5, 6 and 7, as outlined in the 9/4/07 memo to Council, as well as the recommendations from the Northeast Data Poor Working group, be forwarded to the Monkfish Committee for consideration through the initiation of Framework 5.

The amended motion carried on a show of hands (10/3/0).