

***Recreational  
Gulf of Maine Cod and Haddock Fishery***

**Potential FY2014  
Proactive Accountability Measures**

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# FY 2013 Catch Estimates

Table 2. FY 2013 Recreational Catch Estimates of GOM Cod and Haddock (mt), May 1 – October 2013.

Stock	FY 2013 Recreational sub-ACL	Total Catch <sup>1</sup>	% of sub-ACL Caught
GOM cod	486	706	145%
GOM haddock	74	256	246%

<sup>1</sup> Consistent with the most recent assessment for each stock: 1) A mortality rate of 30% has been applied to GOM cod discards; and 2) recreational discards for GOM haddock are not included.

*Table 2 is from a letter from John Bullard, NERO to Tom Nies, NEFMC dated January 17, 2014*



# Recreational Advisory Panel (RAP)

*Meeting on February 19, 2014*

## ***MOTION***

The **RAP** recommends to the Groundfish OSC/Council that 1) for **GOM haddock for FY2014** to close wave 2 (**March and April**), and 2) adopt **up to a 22 in minimum size cod** and **up to a 22 in minimum size haddock**.  
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## ***CONSENSUS STATEMENT***

The **RAP** has **serious concerns** with the MRIP **private** recreational cod and haddock **data on effort** (number of trips) and **non-compliance issues** for FY2013 regarding **minimum sizes**.



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					25th	75th	25th	75th		
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Status Quo	9		19	21	745	818	909	92	236	406
1	9		20	21	675	739	809	84	225	401
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**RAP Recommendation**

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\* Updated after the RAP meeting

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(4) Wave 2 closure cod and haddock	9	21	21	578	516	649	191	73	343			
(5)	9	22	22	540	486	606	146	44	284			
(6) Wave 2 closure haddock	9	22	22	524	471	590	133	42	262			
(7) Wave 5 closure haddock	9	22	22	510	476	584	104	40	222			
(8)	9	23	22	453	419	516	108	43	230			

## #6-RAP Recommendation

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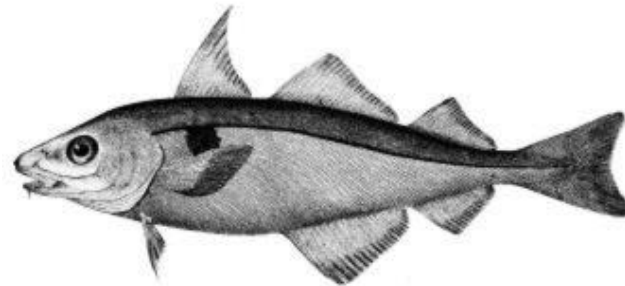


# Upcoming GOM Haddock Benchmark

**SARC 59: July 14-18, 2014**

For more information:

<http://www.nefsc.noaa.gov/saw/>



# Council Discussion

- 1) Do you wish to forward the RAP recommendation to NMFS?
- 2) Do you wish to suggest that NMFS looks at different scenarios? If so, what might those be?

