

Groundfish Oversight Committee Motions

January 24/25, 2013

Motion: The Committee directs the CATT to analyze a closure in the vicinity of the eastern Maine DHRA to address cod spawning protection and other groundfish issues. The area should, if appropriate, make use of the DHRA to address groundfish closure objectives. (Mr. Blount/Mr. Goethel)

Motion **carries**, 7-2-1

Motion: To adopt an alternative rebuilding strategy through Framework 50 that is to rebuild SNE/MA winter flounder by 2023 with a median probability of success. Short-term catch advice during the rebuilding period may be reduced below the projected rebuilding catch in order to account for uncertainty in stock projections. (Dr. Pierce/Mr. Alexander)

Motion **carries**, 9-0-1

Motion (as amended): The Committee recommends the Council to direct the SSC and ask the NEFSC to look at the appropriate natural mortality and target biomass for the following stocks and report to the Council at the June Council meeting: GOM haddock, GOM cod, GB YTF, GB cod, and SNEMA WFL . If this results in a change, the Council would consider a mid-season adjustment to ACLs as quickly as possible. (Mr. Alexander/Ms. Ramsden)

Motion withdrawn without objection

Motion: The Committee recommends the Council to direct the SSC and ask the NEFSC to evaluate by the June Council meeting whether reference points should be changed in light of current predator/prey relationships and changes in environmental conditions for the following stocks: GB cod , GB yellowtail flounder, GOM haddock and SNE/MA winter flounder. If changes in reference points are needed, those calculations should be made immediately. (Mr. Goethel/Mr. Kendall)

Motion **carries**, 8-0-2

Motion: The Committee requests the NEFSC complete calculations by the June Council meeting for the appropriate reference points for the Mramp GOM cod model using an FMSY proxy based on an MSP for F40% and M=0.4 assumed moving forward. (Mr. Goethel/Ms. Ramsden)

Motion **carries**, 8-0-2

Motion: The Committee recommends the Council adopt an ABC for GOM cod for FY 2013 of 1,550 mt. (Dr. Pierce/Mr. Cunningham)

Motion carries, 8-0-2

Motion: To increase the range for GOM cod ABCs from a low of 825 to a high of 4,330 mt. (Mr. Goethe/Mr. Kendall)

Motion carries, 6-1-3

Motion: The Committee recommends the Council adopt an ABC of 2,506 mt for GB cod for FY 2013. (Mr. Goethel/Ms. Ramsden)

Motion carries, 8-0-1

Motion: The Committee recommends an ABC for SNEMA WFL of 1,676 mt for FY 2013. (Mr. Goethel/Mr. Alexander)

Motion carries, 9-0-1

Motion: The Committee recommends Option 2, section 4.2.1.2, landing of SNEMA WFL is permitted. (Mr. Cunningham/Ms. Ramsden)

Motion carries, 9-0-1

Motion: The Committee recommends a preferred alternative of Section 4.2.2.2, AMs for SNEMA winter flounder. (Mr. Goethel/Mr. Kendall)

Motion carries, 9-0-1

Motion: To initiate FW 50 to accommodate the revised rebuilding plan for SNE/MA winter flounder and ABCs. (Mr. Alexander/Mr. Cunningham)

Motion carries, 10-0-1