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**New England Fishery Management Council
Groundfish Oversight Committee
Motions
November 2, 2011**

All section numbers refer to Draft FW 47 dated October 27, 2011.

1. Motion: the Committee recommends that of the three measures possible as recreational AMs, the NMFS should consider a bag limit first, minimum size second, and closed season last. (Mr. Goethel/Mr. Berg)

Motion carries on a show of hands (9-0-2).

2. Motion: the Committee recommends the Council Option 2 as the preferred alternative for Status Determination Criteria (section 3.1.1) (Mr. Odlin/Mr. Preble)

Motion carries on a show of hands (10-0-1?)

3. Motion: the Committee recommends the Council choose Option 2 sub-option B as the preferred alternative for GB YTF rebuilding (section 3.1.2). (Mr. Preble/Ms. Ramsden)

Motion carries on a show of hands (9-0-2).

4. Motion: the Committee recommends the Council address Option 2/SNEMA windowpane flounder sub-ACLs (section 3.1.3) in the next groundfish action. (Mr. Odlin/Mr. Preble)

Motion carries on a show of hands (10-0-1).

5. Motion: the Committee recommends the SNE/MA winter flounder sub-ACL in the scallop fishery be delayed until the next groundfish action (option 3, section 3.1.3). (Mr. Odlin/Mr. Preble)

Motion carries on a show of hands (10-0-1).

6. Motion: the Committee recommends the Council adopt option 2 for U.S./Canada TACs (section 3.1.4). (Ms. Ramsden/Mr. Dempsey)

Motion carries on a show of hands (11-0-1).

7. Motion: the Committee recommends the Council remove section 3.1.5 from FW 47 and consider the Mixed Stock Exception for SNE/MAB windowpane flounder in the next groundfish action. (Mr. Dempsey/Ms. McGee)

Motion carries on a show of hands (9-1-0).

8. Motion as perfected: the Committee recommends the Council adopt Options 2 and 3 as preferred alternatives in section 3.1.6; and to include the GAP suggestion for adding an additional criterion for the trigger (the AM is triggered if the scallop fishery sub-ACL is exceeded by 50 percent or more). (Mr. Goethel/Mr. King)

Motion carries on a show of hands (9-0-1).

9. Motion: The Committee recommends the Council write a letter to the states and ASMFC asking for their cooperation on coordinating management of fisheries that are managed by the Council. (Mr. Preble/Mr. Goethel)

Motion carries on a show of hands (10-0-0).

10. Motion: the Committee recommends the Council adopt Option 2 (section 3.1.7) for revised ACL specifications as a preferred alternative. (Mr. Odlin/Mr. Preble)

Motion carries on a show of hands (10-0-0).

11. Motion: the Committee recommends the Council adopt Option 1/No Action for SNE/MA winter flounder management measures (section 3.2.1). (Mr. Preble/Dr. Pierce)

Motion carries on a show of hands (9-0-1).

12. Motion: the Committee recommends the Council choose Option 2, section 3.2.2, as the preferred alternative (eliminate cap on yellowtail flounder caught in the GB access areas). (Mr. Dempsey/Mr. Odlin)

Motion carries on a show of hands (9-0-1).

13. Motion: the Committee recommends the Council adopt Option 1/No Action as the preferred alternative for Atlantic wolffish landing limits (section 3.2.3). (Mr. Odlin/Ms. McGee)

Motion carries on a show of hands (9-0-1).

14. Motion: Committee requests the Council send a letter to the NEFSC asking for a detailed discussion of the issues surrounding the discard mortality of Atlantic wolffish. (Mr. Goethel/Mr. Preble)

Motion carries on a show of hands (9-0-1).

15. Motion: The Committee recommends the Council select Option 2 as the preferred alternative for common pool restricted gear areas (section 3.2.4). (Mr. Odlin/Mr. Dempsey)

Motion carries on a show of hands (7-2-1).

16. Motion: the Committee recommends the Council adopt sub-option 2 as the preferred alternative for timing of revised AMs (section 3.2.5). (Mr. Goethel/Mr. Dempsey)

Motion carries on a show of hands (10-0-0).

17. Motion: the Committee recommends the Council adopt Option 2, section 3.2.5, as a preferred alternative for ocean pout and windowpane flounder accountability measures. (Mr. Dempsey/Mr. Odlin)

Motion carries on a show of hands (10-0-0).

18. Motion: the Committee recommends the Council adopt as a preferred alternative area based accountability measures for Atlantic halibut, Option 2 sub-Option b, section 3.2.5. (Mr. Odlin/Mr. Preble)

Motion withdrawn due to an error

19. Motion: the Committee recommends the Council adopt as a preferred alternative for Atlantic halibut the no possession AM, Option 1 sub-Option b, section 3.2.5. (Mr. Dempsey/Mr. Odlin)

Motion to amend: the AM applies to commercial vessels only. (Blount/Preble)

Motion to amend carries on a show of hands (10-0-0).

20. Motion: the Committee recommends the Council adopt as a preferred alternative for Atlantic halibut the no possession AM, Option 1 sub-Option b, section 3.2.5. This AM applies to commercial vessels only.

Main motion as amended carries on a show of hands (9-0-1).

21. Motion: the Committee recommends the Council adopt as a preferred alternative Option 1, proactive AM of no possession for Atlantic wolffish (section 3.2.5). (Mr. Dempsey/Dr. Pierce)

Motion carries on a show of hands (7-0-1).

22. Motion: to include the list of approved sector exemptions in FW 47 if the staff can determine that they can be included without delaying FW 47. (Mr. Odlin/Mr. Dempsey)

Motion to delay: to postpone action on this motion until after we receive results of the GOM cod assessment. (Dr. Pierce/Ms. McGee)

Motion ruled out of order by the chair.

Motion: to include the list of approved sector exemptions in FW 4 if the staff can determine that they can be included without delaying FW 47. (Mr. Odlin/Mr. Dempsey)

Motion fails on a show of hands (1-4-2).

23. Motion: the Committee recommends the Council adopt groundfish management priorities in the order described in the October 4, 2011 list of management priorities for 2013 . (Dr. Pierce/Mr. Goethel)

Motion to substitute: to change the groundfish priorities to the following order:

| Order | Priority (original list number in parentheses) |
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| 1 | Prepare framework to respond to new assessment information for 9 stocks (4) |
| 2 | Prepare framework action to adjust sector rules based on lessons learned from Oct 2011 Sector Workshop, including determination of OY is not being caught and the development of measures to attempt to achieve OY, and review 10 percent quota rollover provision in response to RA letter of June 20, 2011.(3) |
| 3 | Prepare framework to establish LAGC ACLs and AMs for YT under the Groundfish FMP. Coordinate with Scallop Cte and PDT. (6) |
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| 5 | Potential action to address Groundfish sector monitoring requirements resulting from Oceana lawsuit. (5) |
| 6 | Coordinate action on the Habitat Omnibus Amendment to include possible modifications of the Groundfish closed areas. (2) |
| 7 | Continue Amendment 18 to consider fleet diversity and accumulation caps. (1) |

(Mr. Odlin/Mr. Dempsey)

Motion fails on a show of hands (2-6).

Motion to substitute: to take the first four items from the October 4, 2011 list of priorities as the Groundfish Committee’s priorities but not in any order. Item 3 to include addressing cost effective monitoring issues. (Mr. Goethel/Dr. Pierce)

Motion to substitute carries on a show of hands (8-0).

Main motion carries on a show of hands (7-1).

(The items referred to in the motion are:

- Continue Amendment 18 to consider fleet diversity and accumulation caps.
- Coordinate action on the Habitat Omnibus Amendment to include possible modifications of the Groundfish closed areas.
- Prepare framework action to adjust sector rules based on lessons learned from Oct 2011 Sector Workshop, including determination of OY is not being caught and the development of measures to attempt to achieve OY, and review 10 percent quota rollover provision in response to RA letter of June 20, 2011.

- Prepare framework to respond to new assessment information for 9 stocks)

24. Motion as perfected: to recommend that the Council form a combined groundfish/habitat PDT and a combined AP for the purpose of the omnibus habitat amendment. Further development and completion of this portion of the amendment will be conducted by the full Council. The combined PDT and AP would provide technical support and advice to the whole council. (Ms. McGee/Mr. Goethel)

Motion carries on a show of hands (5-2-1).

