

Measure	Description	Comment	No Action	Decision Status
Updates to Status Determination Criteria, Formal Rebuilding Programs and Annual Catch Limits				
<i>Revised Status Determination Criteria for Gulf of Maine Cod, GB cod, White Hake, and Southern New England Yellowtail Flounder</i>	Adopt new SDC's based on benchmark assessments for GOM cod, GB cod, white hake, SNE/MA YTF	SDCs for cod stocks and white hake will not be available until after December SARC	A16 and FW 47 values	Pending completion of benchmark assessment report after December SARC
<i>Revision of Scallop Fishery Sub-ACLs</i>	Consider additional sub-ACLs for SNE/MAB windowpane flounder and SNE/MA winter flounder	Delayed from previous action	Only scallop sub-ACLs would remain GB YTF and SNE/MA YTF	SNE/MA windowpane to be considered at 5/30/2012 Committee meeting. No current plans to address SNE/MA WFL.
<i>Annual Catch Limit Specifications</i>	FY 2013-2015 specs for groundfish stocks	Range will be considered for stocks in December benchmark	Some stocks would not have ABCs/ACLs for FY 2013 and beyond	Pends SSC rec for ABCs, expected in early fall. Also pends December benchmark assessments
<i>Management Measures for Gulf of Maine Cod Recreational Fishery</i>	Adopt new measures that would limit recreational catches to meet reduced sub-ACLs for GOM cod and haddock	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RAP agreed by consensus at the 5/15/2012 meeting to delay recommendations until a better indication of the magnitude of required reductions can be determined. • The RAP also voted to consider different proposals, of equivalent conservation level, for the private sector and part/charter sector at the 5/15/2012 meeting. 	No changes to current bag limits, seasons or minimum sizes; AM triggered when sub-ACL is caught.	Pends SSC rec for ABCs, expected in early fall. Also pends December benchmark assessments

<i>Accountability Measures for the recreational fishery</i>	AM triggered if recreational fishery exceeds sub ACL and overall ACL is also exceeded or sub-ACL is exceeded by 50% or more	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RAP voted to ask the Committee to revise when AMs are trigger at the 5/15/2012 meeting. • The GAP recommends PDT develop across board AM that is only triggered when sub-ACL is exceeded by 50% or more or if sub-ACL and total ACL are exceeded at the 5/22/2012 meeting. 	No changes to how the recreational fishery sub-ACL is administered	Revised AMs to be considered at 5/30/2012 Committee meeting
<i>Revised accountability measures for Ocean pout, Windowpane Flounder, Atlantic halibut, Atlantic wolffish, and SNE/MA winter flounder</i>	AMs could be implemented in year following an overage, depending on data availability. Need reactive AMs identified for SMEA WFL, halibut, and wolffish.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approval letter for FW 47 noted a requirement for reactive AMs be developed. • The GAP recommended continuation of AM of 0 possession of Atlantic halibut at the 5/22/2012 meeting. • The GAP recommended 1 fish possession limit for Atlantic wolffish with a possession ban as AM at the 5/22/2012 meeting. 	FW 47 AMs. AMs for halibut, wolffish, and SNMEA WFL not consistent with recent court decision.	Revised AMs to be considered at 5/30/2012 Committee meeting
Updates to the At-Sea Monitor (ASM) program on Groundfish Vessels				
<i>Revised coverage by ASM on Groundfish Vessels</i>	Revised level of ASM on vessels that optimizes data collection at minimal cost to industry; options include reduced coverage level, shift in ASM coverage to high GF catch vessels, implementation of electronic monitoring	The GAP voted to clarify the purpose of electronic monitoring is to verify discarding and not catch at the 5/22/2012 meeting.	Current monitoring levels maintained	PDT analysis of defraying ASM costs to be considered at 5/30/2012 Committee meeting. PDT still investigating presence/absence of monitoring effects.
<i>Dockside Monitoring Requirements</i>	Revision of dockside monitoring levels	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council voted to develop an option for 100% dockside monitoring coverage fully funded by dealers at the 4/25/2012 meeting. NOAA GC advised this would likely need an amendment. 	No change to current dockside monitoring requirements' DSM resumes in FY 2013.	

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council voted to analyze the permanent elimination of mandatory dockside monitoring at the 4/25/2012 meeting. • The GAP voted for 100% dockside monitoring if the Council recommends full retention at the 5/22/2012 meeting. 		
<p><i>Revision of funding requirements</i></p>	<p>Industry funds a fixed percentage of clearly identified costs. Additional quota may be provided to help industry fund monitoring costs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council voted to restrict industry contributions towards monitoring costs to direct at-sea costs at the 4/25/2012 council meeting • .The GAP voted to request, via Committee, that the Council send NOAA HQ detailed letter re sectoring monitoring costs at the 5/22/2012 meeting. • The GAP recommended the Committee develop a groundfish set-aside to fund direct ASM costs not to exceed 3% of monitoring costs, increasing over a 5 year timeline at the 5/22/2012 meeting. 	<p>Industry will cover monitoring costs</p>	<p>PDT analysis of defraying ASM costs to be considered at 5/30/2012 Committee meeting</p>

Other Sector Issues				
<i>Revision of ACE Rollover Restrictions</i>	Revision of ACE rollover into the following fishing year dependent on impacts on the ACL or ABC in any fishing year.	Progress on this option was restricted pending a letter from NMFS regarding changes in the carryover rules. The GAP voted at the 5/22/2012 meeting to express a sense of urgency to the Council to resolve this issue.	10% cap on ACE rollover retained	Pending review of the letter from NERO to the Council dated 5/25/2012.
<i>Revision of landings requirements (full retention)</i>	No discarding of allocated groundfish.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The GAP voted against the implementation of full retention on a sector by sector basis at the 5/22/2012 meeting. The GAP voted at the 5/22/2012 meeting to re-examine minimum fish size requirements if full retention is rejected. 	No changes to allowable minimum sizes	PDT analysis of full retention to be considered at 5/30/2012 Committee meeting
Measures Not Being Developed				
<i>Revised Gulf of Maine Cod Rebuilding Strategy</i>		The Committee voted to not look at revising the GOM cod rebuilding plan in this specifications action at the 3/29/2012 meeting.		
<i>Possible Closed Area revisions</i>		To be addressed in the Habitat amendment.		
<i>Changes to GB access area dates for the scallop fishery</i>		To be addressed in a joint scallop/groundfish action		

