

PART 11: ADMINISTRATIVE RECORD

RECORD OF DECISIONS FOR MULTI-SPECIES FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MEETING</u>	<u>ISSUES DISCUSSED</u>
06/26/83	Demersal Finfish Committee	Policy development
08/09/83	Demersal Finfish Committee	Policy development
08/10/83	Council Meeting	The Council voted to adopt the ADF policy statement as presented by the Demersal Finfish Committee
09/07/83	Demersal Finfish Committee	Policy development; management unit
11/08/83	Demersal Finfish Committee	Organization of plan document; Review of Part II
12/01/83	Demersal Finfish Committee	Review of Parts I and II
01/05/84	Demersal Finfish Committee	Review of Parts I and II; recreational fishing issues; definition of management unit
01/04/84	Advisory Committee	Management unit; management measures
01/10/84	Council Meeting	Discussion of management objectives
01/18/84	Management Unit Subcommittee	Management unit
01/31/84	Demersal Finfish Committee	Management unit; minimum acceptable abundance
02/14/84	Demersal Finfish Committee	Approval of Parts II and III; management objectives
02/08/84	Objectives Subcommittee	Management objectives
02/22/83	Council Meeting	The Council voted to adopt the definition of the management unit recommended by the Demersal Finfish Committee
03/05/84	Objectives Subcommittee	Management objectives
03/14/84	Demersal Finfish Committee	Management objectives
03/22/84	Demersal Finfish Committee	Management objectives
04/02/84	Demersal Finfish Committee	Management unit
04/03/84	Council Meeting	After considering comments about the management unit received from the Mid-Atlantic Council, the Council agreed that the Demersal Finfish Committee be allowed to modify the definition of the Management Unit
04/19/84	Demersal Finfish Committee	Management unit; objectives; measures; square mesh
04/24/84	Advisory Committee	Small mesh fisheries; enforcement; optional settlement system; square mesh codends; management of gray sole
04/26/84	Alternatives Subcommittee	Management alternatives for haddock, redfish, flounders and whiting
05/01/84	Alternatives Subcommittee	Minimum sizes for major commercial species, mesh regulations, Southern New England management alternatives
05/09/84	Demersal Finfish Committee	Objectives; management unit; management alternatives; square mesh; Advisory Committee recommendations
05/10/84	Council Meeting	The Council voted to adopt a revision in the definition of the management unit recommended by the Demersal Finfish Committee. The Northeast Fisheries Center made a presentation on the scientific basis for identifying alternative management strategies.
05/29/84	Demersal Finfish Committee	Management alternatives
06/06/84	Alternatives Subcommittee	Management alternatives
06/14/84	Demersal Finfish Committee	Management measures; exempted fisheries regulations
06/20/84	Demersal Finfish Committee	Gear conflict measures; minimum sizes; closed areas; mesh regulations exempted fisheries; objectives
06/26/84	Council Meeting	The Council voted to take to public hearings the definition of the management unit and, with minor modifications, the management strategies recommended by the Demersal Finfish Committee.
08/08/84	Demersal Finfish Committee	Objectives; minimum sizes; management options for Georges Bank; exempted fisheries

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08/10/84	Council Meeting	The Council voted to approve, with minor modifications, the Public Hearing Summary Document prepared by the Demersal Finfish Committee.
08/20/84	Public Hearing Toms River, NJ	Draft FMP, EIS, RIR, IRFA
08/21/84	Public Hearing Barnstable, MA	Draft FMP, EIS, RIR, IRFA
08/21/84	Public Hearing Riverhead, NY	Draft FMP, EIS, RIR, IRFA
08/22/84	Public Hearing Portland, ME	Draft FMP, EIS, RIR, IRFA
08/22/84	Public Hearing Plymouth, MA	Draft FMP, EIS, RIR, IRFA
08/23/84	Public Hearing Wakefield, RI	Draft FMP, EIS, RIR, IRFA
08/28/84	Public Hearing Ellsworth, ME	Draft FMP, EIS, RIR, IRFA
08/30/84	Public Hearing Fairhaven, MA	Draft FMP, EIS, RIR, IRFA
08/29/84	Public Hearing Gloucester, MA	Draft FMP, EIS, RIR, IRFA
09/11/84	Demersal Finfish Committee	The Committee recommended a number of management measures in response to comments received at the public hearings
09/18/84	Council Meeting	The Council did not approve the Demersal Finfish Committee's recommendations for management measures.
10/10/84	Council Meeting	The Council voted to approve the Demersal Finfish Committee's recommendations with the following major exceptions: 1) The minimum mesh size for Georges Bank and Southern New England would be 6 inches. 2) Gillnetters would be required to tend their gear in certain areas and during certain months in the Gulf of Maine and in Southern New England.
10/30/84	Council Meeting	The Council voted to reverse the proposed measure requiring gillnetters to tend their gear.
12/06/84	Demersal Finfish Committee	Plan document; recreational fishery management measures; exempted fisheries program; regulations
12/11/84	Council Meeting	The Council voted to not include in the plan any recommendations regarding the future of industry support programs such as the Capital Construction Fund and the Fishery Obligations Guarantee Program and to include Section 7B8 entitled "Enforcement Program Considerations". The Council discussed management measures for Southern New England, redfish and gear conflicts.
01/18/85	Advisory Committee	Southern New England mesh regulations; closed area for Southern New England yellowtail; phase-in of mesh size increases; exempted fisheries regulations; experimental fishery for whiting; square mesh; exclusion of winter flounder from exempted species calculations; exempted fisheries for whiting and butterfish in Southern New England
01/21/85	Demersal Finfish Committee	Advisory Committee recommendations; public hearing summary document; draft regulations; Mid-Atlantic recommendations; recommended changes to management measures
01/24/85	Council Meeting	The Council voted to adopt the Demersal Finfish Committee's recommended changes to management measures, with minor modifications. The Council also voted to approve the public hearing summary document and the draft FMP/EIS for submission to the Secretary of Commerce and filing with the EPA.
02/06/85	Public Hearing Riverhead, NY	Draft FMP
02/07/85	Public Hearing Galilee, RI	Draft FMP
02/12/85	Public Hearing Fairhaven, MA	Draft FMP
02/13/85	Public Hearing Gloucester, MA	Draft FMP
02/14/85	Public Hearing Portland, ME	Draft FMP
03/06/85	Demersal Finfish Committee	Minimum size for recreational fishery; exempted fisheries regulations for Southern New England; exempted fishery reporting period; annual permit system; exempted fishery for redfish; experimental fishery for whiting; management unit definition

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03/05/85	Council Meeting	The Council voted that the plan should include the voluntary retention of vessel identification numbers in the multi-species data base.
04/03 -	Demersal Finfish Committee	Public hearing comments; other comments; status of the hakes; data needs; yellowtail management; redfish management
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04/08/85	Public Hearing Riverhead, NY	Southern New England closed area option; data collection
04/09/85	Public Hearing Galilee, RI	Southern New England closed area option; data collection
04/10/85	Public Hearing Fairhaven, MA	Southern New England closed area option; data collection
04/23/85	Council Meeting	Review of public hearing comments. The Council voted to: 1) adopt a three year phase-in of the 6" minimum mesh size for Georges Bank provided that the Canada takes similar action in the Canadian area of Georges Bank; 2) substitute closed areas for minimum mesh size requirements in Southern New England; 3) to allow a small mesh fishery for redfish in the the Gulf of Maine; 4) to exclude red and silver hake from the management unit until the domestic processing capacity equals the acceptable biological catch. Other issues voted on were exempted fisheries reporting requirements, an experimental fishery for whiting, vessel identification numbers and habitat recommendations. The Council voted to approve the draft FMP for final submission to the Secretary of Commerce.

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