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Groundfish Committee Motions June, 2009 Council Meeting

Note: Numbers in parens reflect vote at the committee (for-against-abstain).

Status Determination Criteria/ Section 4.2.1 Revised Rebuilding Strategies, Section 4.2.2

Mr. Cunningham moves on behalf of the Committee:

Motion: The Council adopts the following options for Amendment 16 Sections 4.2.1 and 4.2.2:

- Section 4.2.1.2, Option 2, revised status determination criteria (10-0)
- Section 4.2.2, Option 2, revised mortality targets revised mortality targets for rebuilding programs (9-0)
- Pollock rebuilding period Option 2, rebuild by 2017 (9-1-0).

Annual Catch Limits/Section 4.3.1

Mr. Cunningham moves on behalf of the Committee:

Motion: The Council adopts section 4.3.1.2, Annual Catch Limits, but that the submission date of the ACL action be revised from December 15 to December 1. (10-0-0)

Sector Administration/Section 4.3.3

Sector Definition/Formation of a Sector/Section 4.3.3.1

Mr. Cunningham moves on behalf of the Committee:

Motion: For Section 4.3.3.1, the Council adopts:

- the revised definition of a sector and Option 2 (permits in the CPH categories do not need to be reactivated to join a sector) (9-1-0).
- provision be made in the definition of a sector for monkfish limited access permits to be allowed to join a groundfish sector as specified by the monkfish FMP or future Council action and may exempt vessels in a sector from multispecies DAS reductions. (9-0).
- The Council also adopts Option 2 for additional sector operations plan requirements (section 4.3.3.2.2). (10-0-0)

Allocation of Resources/Section 4.3.3.3

Mr. Cunningham moves on behalf of the Committee:

Motion: The Council approves:

- section 4.3.3.3.1, Revised Allocation of Resource Guidelines.
- The Council adds SNE/MA winter flounder and Atlantic wolffish (if added to the management unit) to the list of stocks not allocated, but allocation of

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the SNE/MA WFL stock can be considered in the biennial specification/framework process in the event that a future assessment indicates Annual Catch Entitlement (ACE) can be made available. (10-0-0)

- Section 4.3.3.3.2, Option 1 (8-0-2) and Sub-Option 1 for the treatment of sector overages (9-0-1).
- Section 4.3.3.3.3, Option 2 for US/CA area allocations (separate allocations). (10-0-0).

Sector Baseline Calculations/Section 4.3.3.3.4

Mr. Cunningham moves on behalf of the Committee:

Motion: The Council approves PSC Options 1 (FY 96-2007, note modified year) and 5 combined (section 4.3.3.3.4). (6-3-1).

Mortality Controls/Section 4.3.3.4 Enforcement/Section 4.3.3.5.3

Mr. Cunningham moves on behalf of the Committee:

Motion: The Council approves:

- Section 4.3.3.4, Option 1 (revised mortality controls) , to include SNE/MA WFL as a stock with landings prohibited. (9-1-0).
- Section 4.3.3.5.3, Option 2 (monitoring and enforcement, sector joint liability). (9-1-0).

Sector Monitoring Requirements/Section 4.3.3.5.4

Mr. Cunningham moves on behalf of the Committee:

Motion: The Council approves

- For dockside monitoring: Option 2, 100 pct dockside monitoring required for all sector vessels (5-4-1).
- For at-sea monitoring, Option 1 (less than 100 pct at sea electronic monitoring and at sea observations). (7-2-1).
- for the discard rate calculation, Option 2 (sector specific discard rate), the revisions to the assumed discard rate language that are in the letter from the Regional Administrator dated June 10, 2009. (8-1-1).

Sector Annual Reports/Section 4.3.3.6

Mr. Cunningham moves on behalf of the Committee:

Motion: The Committee recommends the Council adopt Option 1 for sector annual reports. (9-0-0).

Transfer of ACE/Section 4.3.3.7

(no vote by Committee - Council needs to adopt an alternative)

Sectors and Special Management Programs/Section 4.3.3.8

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Mr. Cunningham moves on behalf of the Committee:

Motion: The Council approves

- section 4.3.3.8.2, US/CA Haddock SAP provisions. (10-0-0).
- section 4.3.3.8.3,(CAII YTF SAP provisions: sectors subject to reporting requirements and gear requirements, and not subject to cod, haddock, or YTF trip limits and limits on number or frequency of trips). (9-0-1).

- the Regional Administrator is provided the flexibility to remove sector vessel reporting requirements for the special management programs if found to be unnecessary. (10-0-0).

Interaction with Common Pool Vessels/Section 4.3.3.9

Mr. Cunningham moves on behalf of the Committee:

Motion: The Council adopts the following universal exemptions: trip limits on allocated stocks, seasonal closed areas, groundfish DAS restrictions, and allowing use of 6 inch codends on Georges Bank while using a haddock separator trawl or Ruhle trawl. (7-2-1).

Reporting Requirements/4.3.4

Mr. Cunningham moves on behalf of the Committee:

Motion: The Council adopts:

- Section adopt 4.3.4.2 (area specific reporting requirements) (10-0-0).
- Section 4.3.4.3 Option 3, Sub-option 2, to account for non-sector vessel discards. (9-0-1).

Allocation to Comm./Rec fisheries/Section 4.3.5

Mr. Cunningham moves on behalf of the Committee:

Motion: The Council adopts section 4.3.5.2, using years 2001 to 2006 as the baseline. (7-2-1).

Commercial Fishery Measures/Section 4.4.2

Mr. Cunningham moves on behalf of the Committee:

Motion: The Council adopts section 4.4.2.3, Option 3A, 24 hour clock with trip limits. (6-1-3).

Recreational Measures/Section 4.4.3

Mr. Cunningham moves on behalf of the Committee:

Motion: The Council adopts:

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- section 4.4.3.1, Option 2 (fillets landed with skin on for identification purposes), but remove “fillets must meet minimum size limits” and replace with “fillets must be from legal sized fish.” (9-1-0).
- section 4.4.3.2, Option 2, removal of limit on the number of hooks per line. (8-0-2).

We need a vote on rec measures regardless of the allocation decision. Presumably if the 2001-2006 years are selected, the Council needs to vote the No Action alternative unless the response to the SSC report dictates otherwise.

(If allocation years 1996-2006 selected:

Motion: The Council adopts section 4.4.3.3.1 Option 3, a change in season for GOM cod. (8-0-2).

(Need a motion on GOM haddock if 96-2006 selected; there is no Committee motion)

Accountability Measures/Section 4.4.7.1

Mr. Cunningham moves on behalf of the Committee:

Motion: The Council adopts section 4.4.7.1.2, the differential DAS Accountability Measure for common pool vessels. (5-2-2).

Motion: The Council adopts section 4.4.7.2.1, Option 1 for recreational fishery AMs. (9-1-0).

Small Mesh Fishery Gear Requirements/Section 4.4.2.5

Need a motion on this issues – no Committee recommendation

GOM Haddock Sink Gillnet Pilot Program/Section 4.4.3.6

Mr. Cunningham moves on behalf of the Committee:

Motion: The Council adopts section 4.4.2.6.2. (7-3-0).

Haddock Minimum Size

Mr. Cunningham moves on behalf of the Committee:

Motion: The Council adopts section 4.4.3.7.2, reduction in haddock minimum size. (9-1-0).

Atlantic Wolffish/Section 4.3.2

Mr. Cunningham moves on behalf of the Committee:

Motion: The Council adopts:

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- Section 4.3.2.1, adding wolffish to the management unit. (7-3-0).
- Section 4.3.2.1, Option 2 as the preferred option for wolffish EFH. (9-0).

Changes to the DAS Transfer and Leasing Program/Section 4.3.6

Mr. Cunningham moves on behalf of the Committee:

Motion: The Council adopts:

- section 4.3.6.2, and sub-option A. (9-1-0).
- section 4.3.6.5, eligibility of CPH permits to participate in DAS leasing and transfer programs. (9-0-0).

Special Management Programs/4.3.7

Mr. Cunningham moves on behalf of the Committee:

Motion: The Council adopts:

- section 4.3.7.1, Option 1, revised incidental catch tacs for the Category B DAS program. (8-0-1).
- section 4.3.7.2.2, expanded CAI Hook Gear Haddock SAP, with coordinates the same as in the interim action.
- section 4.3.7.3.2, EUS/CA Haddock SAP reauthorization.(9-0-0).
- section 4.3.7.4.2, Option 2, changes to the CAI YTF SAP. (8-0-1).
- section 4.3.7.5.2, SNEMA WFL SAP suspension.
- section 4.3.7.6.2, Cat B program revisions. (9-0-1).
- section 4.3.7.7.2, Regional Administrator authority to approve additional gear. (Mr. Stockwell/Mr. Preble) (10-0-0)

Section 4.3.8 Periodic Adjustment Process

Mr. Cunningham moves on behalf of the Committee:

Motion: The Council adopts section 4.3.8.2, first sentence only (not including sentence on non-technical members of the PDT). (7-1-1).

Section 4.3.9/Possession of a Scallop/Multis Permit

Mr. Cunningham moves on behalf of the Committee:

Motion: The Council adopts section 4.3.9.2, Option 2, allowing possession of a limited access scallop and multispecies permit on the same vessel. (5-3-2).

Atlantic Halibut Minimum Size/Section 4.4.4

Need a motion, no Committee recommendation

Retention of Atlantic Wolffish/Section 4.4.5

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Mr. Cunningham moves on behalf of the Committee:

Motion: The Council adopts section 4.4.5.2, prohibition of retention of Atlantic wolffish. (5-3-2)

Section 4.4.6 Need Motion on Implementation of Sectors