

Groundfish Committee Meeting Motions – June 12, 2013

Motion 1 (Dempsey/Alexander): Move to recommend the Council replace existing A18 goals with those from the GAP Motion 1 from June 10, 2013.

Motion to amend Motion 1(Goethel/Pierce): to add the following three goals:

1. Prohibit any person, organization or government entity from acquiring or controlling excessive shares of fishery access privileges, in order to prevent:
 - (a) extraction of disproportionate economic rents from other fishery participants; and
 - (b) strategic manipulation of fishery access privilege and/or asset values to the detriment of fishery participants.
2. Increase transparency in fishery access privilege lease markets in order to better understand and detect the behaviors identified in (1).
3. Promote a dynamic fishery with entry opportunities for fisherman and vessels.

The amended motion failed 3/5/0.

Motion to amend Motion 1 (Pierce/Alexander): to add existing goal to “prohibit any person or government entity to acquiring or controlling excessive access to the resource, to prevent extraction of disproportionate economic rents from other permit holders” to the following list of goals:

1. *Promote a diverse groundfish fishery, including different gear types, vessel sizes, geographic locations, and levels of participation through sectors and permit banks.*
2. *Enhance sector management to effectively engage industry to achieve management goals and improve data quality.*
3. *Promote resilience and stability of fishing businesses by encouraging diversification, quota utilization and capital investment.*

The amended motion failed 3/5/0.

Main motion (Dempsey/Alexander): Move to recommend the Council replace existing A18 goals with those from the GAP motion 1 from June 10, 2013.

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The main motion carried 6/2/0.

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Motion 2 (Alexander/Kendall): The Committee recommends that the PDT develop an option for ownership cap that would limit multispecies permit ownership by any individual or entity to 5 percent of the total of the limited access permits issued. This option should grandfather ownership levels to the individual or entity ownership level that exists prior to the control date.

Motion as friendly amended Motion 2 (Alexander/Kendall): The Committee recommends that the PDT develop an option for ownership cap that would limit multispecies permit ownership by any individual or entity with the exception of permit banks to 5 percent of the total of the limited access permits issued. This option should grandfather ownership levels to the individual or entity ownership level that exists prior to the control date.

Motion to substitute Motion 2 (Pierce/Goethel): To have the PDT review the Northern Economics, Environmental Defense Fund funded paper “Designing measures to limit accumulation of fishing privileges in the northeast multispecies fishery” to determine if its recommended approaches for limiting accumulation of permits and PSC and for use of ACE on vessels would help the Council achieve A18 goals and objectives.

The motion to substitute failed 1/6/1.

The main motion as friendly amended carried 8/0/0.

Motion 3 (Pierce/Goethel): To have the PDT review the Northern Economics, Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) funded paper “Designing measures to limit accumulation of fishing privileges in the northeast multispecies fishery” to determine if its recommended approaches for limiting accumulation of permits and PSC and for use of ACE on vessels would help the Council achieve A18 goals and objectives.

The motion carried 7/0/0.

Motion 4 (Dempsey/Kendall): To strike the existing A18 objectives to be consistent with the GAP recommendation.

Motion to substitute Motion 4 (Pierce/Goethel): The objectives for A18:

1. Prevent an individual(s), corporation(s), or other entity from:
 - a. Acquiring market power for the control of groundfish fishing privileges and prices and
 - b. Preventing others from having equitable opportunities to participate in the multispecies groundfish fishery.
2. Prevent disadvantaging crews, small owner-operators and fishing communities.

The motion to substitute Motion 4 failed 3/4/0.

The main motion carried 4/3/0.

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Motion 5 (Dempsey/Alexander): To task the PDT to develop regulatory definition for permit banks as well as alternatives to establish appropriate permit caps for permit banks commensurate with their value in protecting diverse fishery access and supporting the goals of this amendment.

The motion carried 7/0/0.

Motion 6 (Dempsey/Goethel): To request Council staff assess and provide examples of US solutions that provide access to capital for individuals, new entrants, sectors and community entities, e.g. halibut new entrant finance program called Community Quota Entities, NMFS fishery obligation fund financing for quota.

The motion carried 7/0/0.