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New England Fishery Management Council Groundfish Advisory Panel (GAP)

Motions

November 1, 2011

Meeting summary is being prepared.

Note: Section numbers refer to draft FW 47 document dated October 27, 2011.

1. Motion: the GAP recommends the Council adopts Option 2, Revised Status Determination Criteria Option 2 (section 3.1.1). (Mr. Libby/Mr. Soule)

Motion carries on a show of hands (13-0).

2. Motion: the GAP recommends the Council adopts GB yellowtail flounder rebuilding strategy option 2B, rebuild by 2032 with a median probability (section 3.1.2). (Ms. Odell/Mr. Canastra)

Motion carries on a show of hands (13-0).

3. Motion: the GAP recommends the Council does not create a sub-ACL of SNE/MA winter flounder for the scallop fishery (section 3.1.3). (Mr. Canastra/Mr. Libby)

Motion fails on a show of hands (3-7-3).

4. Motion: the GAP recommends the Council set a sub-ACL for SNEMA winter flounder for the scallop fishery based on catch history in the scallop fishery (section 3.1.3). (Mr. Libby/)

Motion fails for lack of second.

5. Motion: the GAP supports application of the Mixed Stock Exception for SNE/MA windowpane flounder (section 3.1.5, Option 2). (Ms. Raymond/Ms. Odell)

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

6. Motion: the GAP recommends the Council approve Options 2 and 3, section 3.1.6, for administration of scallop fishery sub-ACLs. (Ms. Odell/Mr. Brown)

Motion carries on a show of hands (13-0-0).

7. Motion: the GAP recommends the Council adopt ACLs based on updated information for FY 2012 (section 3.1.7, Option 2). (Ms. Raymond/Mr. Russo)

Motion carries on a show of hands (13-0).

8. Motion: the GAP recommends the Council adopts SNE/MA winter flounder management Option 2 (section 3.2.1). (Mr. Brown/Mr. Dority)

Motion: to table the previous motion on SNE/MA winter flounder management measures. (Ms. Raymond/Mr. Russo)

Motion carries on a show of hands (12-0-2).

9. Motion: the GAP recommends the Council adds to option 2 on scallop fishery sub-ACL administration (section 3.1.6): scallop fishery AMs would not be triggered “unless the sub-ACL is exceeded by 50 pct or more.” (Ms. Raymond/Mr. Libby)

Motion carries on a show of hands (9-0-4).

10. Motion: the GAP recommends the Council establish a research set aside process for an amount of SNE/MA winter flounder from the 2012 fishing year ABC to be available to sectors. Sectors would be able to apply for the set-aside to conduct research. (Mr. Brown/Ms. Litsinger)

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

11. Motion: the GAP recommends the Council adopts Option 2 for the Atlantic wolffish possession limit (section 3.2.3). (Mr. Russo/Mr. Brown)

Motion carries on a show of hands (9-3).

12. Motion: the GAP recommends the Council adopts Option 2, removing Restricted Gear Areas for the common pool vessels (section 3.2.4). (Ms. Raymond/Mr. Brown)

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

13. Motion: the GAP recommends the Council adopts Option 1/No Action for accountability measures (section 3.2.5). (Mr. Canastra/Mr. Libby)

Motion fails on a show of hands (2-10).

14. Motion: the GAP recommends the Council adopts the accountability measure for Atlantic wolffish and halibut would be no landing/possession (section 3.2.5). (Mr. Parker/Mr. Russo)

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

15. Motion: the GAP recommends the Council use FW 47 to expand the list of sector universal exemptions to include all the exemptions that have been analyzed and approved by NMFS. (Ms. Raymond/Ms. Odell)

Motion carries on a show of hands (12-0-0).

16. Motion: The GAP recommends as Council priorities, in order of importance:

- 1) Prepare framework to address new assessment information for 9 stocks
 - 2) Take action to eliminate all or part of rolling, seasonal and year round mortality closures
 - 3) Develop a cost-effective sector monitoring plan, that includes options for electronic monitoring of discards (including a full retention policy for allocated stocks), phasing in industry cost-share over a 5-10 year timeframe
 - 4) Develop options to move unused ACE between scallops/groundfish fleets and between groundfish commercial and recreation fleets
 - 5) Increase rollover percentage
 - 6) Address LAGC yellowtail AMs
 - 7) Other effort controls including minimum fish sizes
 - 8) Consider Amendment 18 on accumulation limits and fleet diversity including refining definition of fleet diversity
- (Mr. Soule/Mr. Balzano)

Motion carries on a show of hands (12-0).

17. Motion: In order to address the stability needs of sectors, the GAP recommends the Council does not create new allocation options. (Ms. Raymond/Mr. Russo)

Motion carries on a show of hands (8-0-4).

18. Motion: In order to address stability needs of sectors the GAP recommends that the Council not impose restrictions on ACE trading between vessel size classes or input controls (such as trip limits or species-specific closures). (Ms. Raymond/Mr. Libby)

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

19. Motion as perfected: the GAP recommends the Council ask NMFS to explore ways to extend the GOM Cod rebuilding period beyond 2014. (Ms. Raymond/Ms. Odell)

Motion carries on a show of hands (12-0).

