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Portsmouth, NH

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GROUND FISH OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING MOTIONS**FRAMEWORK 51****Motion #1** (Alexander/)

To accept motion 1 from the GAP to add onto as a sub-option

GAP motion 1: The GAP recommends to the OSC that the OSC consider adopting a policy in any new rebuilding plans, or even to alter all existing plans, to include the following:

- A. To achieve the management objectives of the Northeast multispecies complex and to safely account for uncertainty in longer term projections, a core management objective is to hold fishing to 75% Fmsy as the fishing mortality target throughout the rebuilding program. If at any time during the rebuilding schedule an updated assessment indicates that F needs to be lowered to below 75% Fmsy, the rebuilding plan will need to be revised and measures implemented to return target F to 75% Fmsy if the following condition is met.
 - a. The stock ACL based upon 75% Fmsy has never been exceeded during the rebuilding plan.
- B. The Council should request that NMFS issue notification to the Council that adequate progress is not being made in order to trigger statutory flexibility necessary to allow the rebuilding plan to be revised.
- C. Revisions should utilize the following steps in order to return rebuilding F to 75% Fmsy:
 - a. Extend the rebuilding time frame.
 - b. Revise reference points.
 - c. Other?

Motion was withdrawn.**Motion #2** (Pierce/Alexander)

To add a sub-option C with the following text “if during the first 8 years Frebuild is less than 75%FMSY, 75%FMSY will still apply if the stock ACL based upon 75%FMSY has never been exceeded during the rebuilding plan” to Section 4.1.1 (Revised GOM cod Rebuilding Strategy)

The motion **carried** on a show of hands (4/0/1).**Motion #3** (Alexander/Kendall)

To add sub-option D to Section 4.1.2 (Revised American Plaice Rebuilding Strategy) with the following text “if during the first 8 years Frebuild is less than 75%FMSY, 75%FMSY will still apply if the stock ACL based upon 75%FMSY has never been exceeded during the rebuilding plan”

The motion **carried** on a show of hands. (4/0/1).**Motion #4 as friendly amended:** (Alexander/Kendall)

To task the PDT with analyzing and refining an alternative to require small-mesh fisheries in the Georges Bank yellowtail flounder stock area to request an observer prior to leaving the dock for a trip.

The motion **carried** on a show of hands (5/0/0).

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Motion #5 as friendly amended: (Pierce/Murphy)

To task the PDT with analyzing and refining an option for an AM for the small mesh fishery of GB YTF sub-ACL be an area/seasonal closure prohibiting small mesh fishing in the two areas described in figure 1 in the memo to Whiting/Squid AP (document 6c) the two areas being polynorth and polysouth (shaded areas)

The motion **carried** on a show of hands (5/0/0).

Motion #6: (Alexander/Pierce)

To include an alternative for a pound for pound payback into the small mesh fishery plan if they exceed their sub-ACL of GB YTF.

The motion **carried** on a show of hands (5/0/0).

Motion #7: (Pierce/Alexander)

The area would close when the sub-ACL is exceeded.

The motion **carried** on a show of hands (5/0/0).

Motion #8: (Kendall/Alexander)

To add an option X, as a possible AM any gear modifications in the small mesh fishery GB area.

The motion **carried** on a show of hands (5/0/0).

Motion #9: (Kendall/Alexander)

To support the ABCs for white hake as set by the SSC for 2014-2016.

The motion **carried** on a show of hands (5/0/0).

Motion #10: (Alexander/Kendall).

To adopt ABC/OFL of 425 mt of Georges Bank yellowtail flounder.

The motion **carried** on a show of hands (3/2/0).

Motion #11: (Alexander/Kendall)

To approve the 700 mt EGB cod TAC negotiated by the TMGC

The motion **carried** on a show of hands (5/0/0).

Motion #12 as amended: (Alexander/Kendall)

To authorize the RA to move EGB haddock quota from east to west and west to east as the fleet needs it and accept the EGB haddock quota of 27,000 mt

The motion **carried** on a show of hands (5/0/0).

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Motion #13 as amended: (Kendall/Alexander)

To include as Option 4 in Section 4.2.2.2 to include:

1. Giving the RA authority to make trans-boundary quota trades either with or only with the entities that will be trading their quota.
2. Whichever entities (e.g., MRI, groundfish sector) provide the quota for trans-boundary trading should benefit from the quota given in trade from Canada.

The motion **carried** on a show of hands (4/0/1).

Motion #14 as friendly amended: (Pierce/Alexander)

Move that we remove option 2 full retention from consideration at this time but to be included in the next available GF action.

The motion **carried** on a show of hands (3/1/1).

Motion #15: (Alexander/Kendall)

To ask the Council to ask the SSC to reconsider the ABC of GOM haddock

The motion **carried** on a show of hands (4/0/1).

Motion #16: (Kendall/Alexander)

To include as option 2 in Section 4.2.5 to revisit the stratification of assumed discards for Georges Bank yellowtail flounder.

The motion **carried** on a show of hands (5/0/0).

The Committee agreed by consensus to remove Section 4.2.4 Haddock Spillover from Framework 51.

AMENDMENT 18

Motion #17: (Pierce/Alexander)

That the alternative for permit splitting be removed from the alternatives under consideration for A18 and that permit splitting be taken up through an omnibus amendment.

The motion **carried** on a show of hands (5/0/0).

Motion #18: (Pierce/Kendall)

To remove alternative 3 (PSC splitting) from A18 alternatives.

The motion **carried** on a show of hands (5/0/0).

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Motion #19: (Pierce/Kendall)

That, as part of FW 51, replace the trimester catch limits with annual allocations for the common pool, remove the March 1 – 20 handgear fishing closure, and remove the requirement that handgear vessels have one standard fish tote onboard.

The motion **failed** for lack of a majority (2/2/1).

Motion #20: (Alexander/

To eliminate Section 4.3.2.1.2 from draft A18 alternatives.

Motion was withdrawn.

2014 DRAFT GROUNDFISH PRIORITIES

Motion #21: (Pierce/Murphy)

That this be the order of priority of work to be done on GF for 2014:

DRAFT OSC GF Priorities for 2014

1. Regulatory requirements
 - a. ABCs for 3 winter flounder stocks, Pollock, US/CA stocks
2. Coordinate on Habitat Omnibus Amendment 2
3. Continue working on A18
4. Alternative strategies for setting catch advice for stability in ACLs
5. EM and Full retention
6. ACE trading between scallops/groundfish
7. GF spawning closures proposed by CATT

The motion **carried** on a show of hands (4/0/1).