



Framework 45 at a Glance

The following is a summary of the management measures proposed in Framework (FW) 45 to the Multispecies Fishery Management Plan. The comment period ends March 18, 2011. To view the complete regulations please visit our website at www.nero.noaa.gov/nero and click on Hot News.



Proposed Measures

- ✦ Revised stock status and biological reference points for pollock
- ✦ Revised rebuilding program for Georges Bank (GB) yellowtail flounder that would rebuild the stock by fishing year (FY) 2016 with a 50 percent probability of success. The length of the rebuilding plan was previously 8 years, but would be lengthened to 10 years
- ✦ Updated FY 2011 U.S./Canada Management Area total allowable catches (GB yellowtail flounder, Eastern GB cod, and Eastern GB haddock) were developed by the Transboundary Management Guidance Committee
- ✦ Updated FY 2011 catch limits for pollock and white hake
- ✦ 5 new sectors, including 4 state-sponsored permit banks
- ✦ Exemption from dockside monitoring requirements for small scale fishing vessels
- ✦ Removal of requirement for industry to pay for dockside monitoring coverage in 2011 and 2012, reliance on Federal funding to support up to 100 percent coverage
- ✦ Removal of the requirement for industry to pay for sector at-sea monitoring provisions in 2012
- ✦ Elimination of the spawning closures for the Limited Access General Category scallop fishery in the Great South Channel Scallop Dredge Exemption Area
- ✦ A spawning protection area for Gulf of Maine cod from April - June for commercial and recreational vessels
- ✦ Revisions to Handgear permitted vessel provisions, including modification of the cod trip limit, and access to the Georges Bank Seasonal Closure Area and portions of the Gulf of Maine Rolling Closure Areas



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