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Finally, regarding the Framework question, I support **alternative 3b: Allow changes to commercial/recreational allocations, annual quota transfers, and other measures included in this amendment to be made through framework actions/addenda.**

I support this because the current requirement is that this level of change requires a full amendment process even though all of the quota changes in 2019 and 2020 were done with addenda.

That's why actions by fishery managers based on the new MRIP data threw the entire commercial/ recreational allocation out of balance over the past 3 years and had to wait for this amendment process to bring it back into balance.

Most recreational fishers don't even understand this complicated process, but the **commercial fishers have been very vocal** on this issue and they **DO NOT WANT TO GIVE UP THIS NEWFOUND QUOTA!**

They made that very clear at the hearing on Wednesday February 17, when they, one after another, bashed recreational fishers for wanting to **"play with America's food supply"** and were "killing so many fish that were released," etc, etc.

In NO WAY do they want to correct the original allocation for the new MRIP estimating procedure and they are speaking out strongly.

We must speak out ourselves and get reallocation passed now with the options discussed above!

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Member

WALT GALLOWAY

displays a 5.17 lb, 20" tautog that he caught south of General Rock on the morning of November 6. He was fishing aboard his boat, *Dad's Gift*, with fellow members **Dave Hansen** and **Walter Berry**.

Show me an angler who fishes in winter, and I'll show you a fanatic.

Actually, a fanatic doesn't hold a candle to an angler who fishes in winter!

