

## **NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

### **Scallop Committee**

#### **I. STATUS**

- A. Meetings: The Scallop PDT met by conference call on January 24<sup>th</sup>, February 10<sup>th</sup>, March 17<sup>th</sup>, and March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. The Scallop Advisory Panel met in Boston, MA on February 26, 2020 and by webinar on March 26, 2020. The Scallop Committee met in Boston, MA on February 27, 2020, and by webinar on March 27, 2020.
- B. Framework 32: Framework 32 became effective on April 1, 2020. This action also includes alternatives that would mitigate impacts on Georges Bank yellowtail flounder and Northern windowpane flounder.
- C. Amendment 21: The Council is expected to vote on the range of alternatives that would be included in this action. The Council is considering changes to how the Northern Gulf of Maine area is managed, Limited Access General Category IFQ trip limits, and the one-way transfer of IFQ from Limited Access vessels with IFQ to LAGC IFQ only vessels.
- D. Emergency Action: On March 27, 2020, the Scallop Committee voted to request that the Council consider asking NMFS to take emergency action in response to the COVID-19 national emergency.

#### **II. COUNCIL ACTION**

- A. Amendment 21: Approve the range of alternatives that will be considered in this action.
- B. Emergency Action: Consider Committee request that the Council request NMFS to take emergency action in response to the COVID-19 national emergency.

#### **III. INFORMATION**

- 1. Staff Presentation (*to be provided*)
- 2. Scallop AP and Committee Meeting Summaries.
  - a. February 27, 2020 Scallop Committee meeting summary
  - b. March 27, 2020 Scallop Committee meeting summary
  - c. February 26, 2020 Scallop AP meeting summary
  - d. March 26, 2020 Scallop AP meeting summary
- 3. Amendment 21
  - a. Amendment 21 draft alternatives
  - b. Draft Amendment 21 affected environment (background data)
  - c. SARC 65 Appendix – Gulf of Maine
  - d. Amendment 21 Action Plan
  - e. Discussion Document re: Amendment 21 draft alternatives
- 4. Memo from Mr. Tom Nies re: Emergency Action request in response to COVID-19
- 5. Correspondence