

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Scallop Committee

I. STATUS

- A. Meetings: The Scallop PDT met by conference call on July 28, August 12, and August 27, 2020. The Scallop Advisory Panel met by webinar on September 23, 2020 and the Scallop Committee met by webinar on September 25, 2020.
- B. Amendment 21: The Council is expected to take final action on Amendment 21. 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.
- C. Framework 33: Specifications for FY 2021 and default measures for FY 2022 (ABC/ACLs, DAS, access area allocations for LA and LAGC, catch limits for NGOM management area, target-TAC for LAGC incidental catch and set-asides for the observer and research programs).
- D. 2021 Work Priorities / Executive Order 13921: The Scallop Committee discussed 2021 work priorities and the President's Executive Order on Promoting Seafood Competitiveness and Economic Growth at its September 25, 2020 meeting. Those recommendations were forwarded to the Council's Executive Director.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. Amendment 21: Final action
- B. Framework 33: Consider adding transfer of uncaught LA allocation in NLS-W to FY2021 specifications (*new work priority for 2020*)

III. INFORMATION

1. Staff Presentation (*to be provided*)
2. Draft Scallop Committee and AP Motions (September 2020 meetings).
3. Amendment 21
 - a. Amendment 21 Decision Document
 - b. Draft Amendment 21, including Environmental Assessment (EA)
 - c. Draft Amendment 21, Volume II – Appendices
 - d. Amendment 21 Public Hearing Document
 - e. Summary of Public Hearing Comments
 - i. Written Public Comments
 - ii. Public Hearing Meeting Summaries
4. Correspondence