

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Scallop Committee

I. STATUS

- A. Meetings: The Scallop PDT met in person on July 25, 2018, and for two days on August 28 & August 29, 2018. The PDT also met by conference call on September 5, 2018. The Scallop AP met on September 13, 2018, which was followed by a Scallop Committee meeting on September 14, both in New Bedford, MA.
- B. Framework 30: On June 13, 2018, the Council voted to initiate Framework Adjustment 30 to the Scallop FMP, an action that will set fishing specifications for fishing year 2019 and default measures for 2020. This action will also include alternatives to address standard default measures for scallop specifications.
- C. Scallop Committee Tasking: The Scallop Committee tasked the PDT with preparing analyses to evaluate the impacts of modifying LAGC IFQ trip limits from 400lbs to 1,200lbs.
- D. Scallop Benchmark Assessment (SAW/SARC 65): Four stock assessment workshop meetings were held in Woods Hole, MA between February and May of 2018. The Stock Assessment Review Committee (SARC) meeting was held on June 26 – 29, 2018. The benchmark assessment was accepted by the SARC. In 2017, Atlantic sea scallops were not overfished, and overfishing was not occurring.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. Framework 30: Update on results of 2018 scallop surveys. No action required.
- B. Scallop Committee Tasking: Receive an update on LAGC IFQ trip limit analyses.

III. INFORMATION

- 1. Staff Presentation (*to be provided*)
 - a. Framework 30
 - b. LAGC IFQ Trip Limit Analyses
- 2. Motions from Scallop AP and Committee Meetings - September 13 & 14, 2018 (*to be provided*)
- 3. Scallop Framework 30
 - a. Framework 30 Action Plan
 - b. 2018 preliminary combined survey estimates and PDT recommendations
- 4. LAGC IFQ Trip Limit Analyses
 - a. Scenario Analyses of Possession Limits for the LAGC IFQ fishery
 - b. Updated information and LAGC IFQ Trip Limit Discussion Document
- 5. Update on 2018 Priorities and draft list of Potential 2019 Priorities for Scallop FMP
- 6. Meeting Summaries
 - a. July 25, 2018 Scallop PDT meeting summary
 - b. August 28/29, 2018 Scallop PDT meeting summary
 - c. September 5, 2018 Scallop PDT meeting summary
- 7. Correspondence

Note: Additional 2018 survey information is available on the Council website at this link:
<https://www.nefmc.org/management-plans/scallops>