



New England Fishery Management Council
Scallop Committee Meeting Motions

January 22, 2014
Omni – Providence, RI

Committee members in attendance: MaryBeth Tooley (Chair), Mark Alexander, Dave Preble, Peter Christopher, Rick Robins (vice-Chair), John Quinn, Laura Ramsden, Mike Sissenwine, and Peter Kendall.

1. Preble/Alexander

Accept the AP consensus statement related to default measures for FY2015:

AP Consensus: AP supports default measures for FY2015 for both LA and LAGC fisheries presented by the PDT (75% of projected DAS for LA vessels and 100% of projected LAGC sub-ACL for IFQ allocations)

Vote: 7:0:0, carries

2. Alexander/Kendall

Allow Part-time limited access vessels to convert Delmarva access area trips to open area DAS, and the conversion should be 5DAS for any Part-time vessel that converts.

Vote: 3:4:1, fails

By Consensus: The Committee supports the language drafted by the PDT about how Delmarva trip flexibility would work (page21). The Committee agrees that the broken trip provision for Delmarva trips should remain the same – unused trips need to be used in the first 60 days of the following fishing year. Vessels would have the opportunity to make the choice whether to fish in Delmarva or receive open area DAS within the first 90 days after FW25 is implemented.

3. Quinn/Ramsden

The Scallop Committee recommends Alternative 4 in Section 2.1.3.4 as preferred for FW25 specifications.

Vote: 8:0:0, carries

4. Kendall/Quinn

The Scallop Committee recommends No Action for Section 2.1.3.7 – no restriction on fishing location within Nantucket Lightship access area.

Vote: 8:0:0, carries

5. Robins/Preble

The Scallop Committee recommends Alternatives 2, 3, 4, and 5 as preferred for Section 2.1.3.8 – Additional measures to reduce mortality on smaller scallops in Nantucket Lightship and Delmarva.

Vote: 8:0:0, carries

6. Quinn/Kendall

The Scallop Committee recommends AP motion #5 and #6 relative to use of unused 2012 and 2013 Closed Area I trips be preferred for Framework 25.

AP Motion 5

Support Alternative 2, Option 2, Sub-option C for unused 2012 CA1 trips.

Unused 2012 CA1 trips could be used in CA1 access area when it reopens after the EFH Omnibus Action is implemented. Clarify that this would be limited to vessels that submitted a broken trip adjustment sheet and qualify for a broken trip only.

AP Motion 6

Support Alternative 2, Option 1, Sub-option C for unused 2013 CA1 trips.

Unused 2013 CA1 trips could be used in CA1 when it reopens after the EFH Omnibus Action is implemented. Clarify that vessels do not have to submit a broken trip adjustment sheet for unused 2013 trips, per recent email from NERO.

Vote: 8:0:0, carries

7. Kendall/Ramsden

The Scallop Committee recommends Option 2 in Section 2.1.4.3 related to allocation of fleetwide access area trip allocations for the LAGC fishery as preferred.

Vote: 8:0:0, carries

8. Kendall/Preble

The Scallop Committee recommends No Action for Section 2.1.5 for the Hard-TAC for the NGOM, 70,000 pounds as preferred.

Vote: 8:0:0, carries

9. Preble/Sissenwine

The Scallop Committee recommends Alternative 2.2.3 be the preferred alternative for the SNE/MA windowpane flounder AM for the scallop fishery. Alternative 2.2.3 is a reactive seasonal gear restricted area AM; the AM area shall be all waters west of 71 W, not including scallop access areas. If AMs are triggered and the overage by the scallop fishery is estimated to >0 and <20% the AM would be in place for the month of February. If the overage is over 20% the AM season would be for the months of February and March.

Vote: 8:0:0, carries

10. Robins/Preble

Also adopt Alternative 4 as preferred; a proactive WP AM that would prohibit a scallop dredge vessel from having more than 7 rows of rings in the apron of a scallop dredge in all waters west of 71W, excluding Mid-Atlantic access areas.

Vote: 8:0:0, carries

By consensus, the Scallop Committee agrees with the text drafted on page 43 in Framework 25 related to WP AM details, specifically when AMs are triggered and when AMs go into effect).