



New England Fishery Management Council Scallop AP Meeting Motions

November 13, 2014
Revere, MA

1. Gutowski/Welch

AP support Alternative 2.8.4 (DOF from Cape May only) as preferred, and the AP supports the three consensus statements from the PDT about allocating a fraction of a DAS, adjustment be applied at 40% for part-time vessels, and the adjustment should be applied for at least two years. The AP recommends the DOF location be clarified to be inside of VMS demarcation line south of Cape May.

Vote: 11:0:0, unanimous

2. Enoksen/Gutowski

AP recommends the DAS adjustment be 0.14 (equivalent to a 3.5 hour adjustment for FT vessels), based on assumption that 25 is a more realistic estimate of the number of vessels that are currently returning to southern ports to land scallops.

Vote: 11:0:0, unanimous

3. Gutowski/Lybarger

AP recommends Alternative 2 for OFL/ABC for FW26 (updated OFL/ABC values).

Vote: 11:0:0, unanimous

4. Hansen/Enoksen

AP supports Alternative 3 (Section 2.2.1.3) with Option 2 and 3 only as preferred for overall specifications for FW26. This would close NL extension (Option 2) and inshore ETA (option 3), not CA2 extension (Option 1).

Vote: 6:0:5, carries

5. Welch/Gutowski

Include one access area trip in default measures for FY2016 (17,000 pounds for a full time vessel in all three MA access areas). Area would be open to LAGC IFQ vessels as well, number of LAGC trips equivalent to the same proportion of catch allocated to those vessels in access areas in FW26. Access area should not open until April 1, 2016 for the fishery and RSA compensation fishing should not be allowed in the area until subsequent framework implemented.

Vote: 11: 0:0, unanimous

6. Parker/Maxwell

AP recommends Option 4 in Section 2.2.2 for allocation of LAGC IFQ trips in access areas for FW26 (Allocate fleetwide trips to LAGC vessels in access areas equivalent to the overall proportion of total catch from access areas compared to total catch).

Vote: 11:0:0, unanimous

7. Lybarger/Fletcher

For Section 2.2.3 the AP recommends a new alternative that would allow crew limits to increase by one in access areas above open area limits (max would be 8 crew for FT LA vessels, 6 crew for both PT LA vessels and FT LA small dredge vessels).

Vote: 11:0:0, unanimous

8. Enoksen/Gutowski

AP recommends Alternative 2.3.2 for Section 2.3. Allocation method for Mid-Atlantic access area trips in 2015 should be the flexible method (megatron), based on AP Motion #4, which recommends closing the inshore part of ETA in 2015.

Vote: 10:0:1, carries

9. Fletcher/

AP supports No Action for Section 2.4.

Failed for lack of a second

10. Lybarger/Welch

AP supports Alternative 2.4.2 – replace broken trip process with prelanding report and Alternative 2.4.2.2 (Option 2) carryover would be automatic.

Vote: 10:1:0, carries

11. Enoksen/Fletcher

AP supports Alternative 2.5.3 that would revise state waters exemption program provisions to allow a state to request specific exemption related to fishing for scallops in state waters after federal NGOM TAC reached.

Vote: 10:0:0, unanimous

12. Enoksen/Gutowski

AP supports Alternative 2.6.2 to make turtle regulations consistent (May-November and west of 71W for both turtle deflector dredge and turtle chain mat).

Vote: 9:0:1, carries

13. Fletcher/Welch

AP supports Alternative 2.9.2 to modify flaring bar regulations for turtle deflector dredge requirement.

Vote: 10:0:1, carries

14. Hansen/

AP supports Alternative 2.7.1.4, 2.7.2.4, and 2.7.2.7 as a proactive AM to reduce flatfish bycatch (*eliminate* the provision that restricts the number of rows in the apron of all scallop dredges).

Fails for lack of a second

15. Quinn/Gutowski

AP supports Alternatives 2.7.1.3, 2.7.2.3 and 2.7.2.6 for proactive AMs as preferred in FW26.

These measures would *modify* the regulations so that a scallop vessel (LA and LAGC) could not fish with more than 7 rows in the apron of a scallop dredge in all areas.

Vote: 6:0:5, carries

16. Fletcher/

If a vessel desires to fish with more than 7 rows must stop dredges for 3 minutes before hauling back. Vessel must provide proof that dredges were stopped before hauling back.

Failed for a lack of a second

Other Business

Groundfish Framework 53

17. Gutowski/Welch

The AP would like to express significant concern about the range of allocation alternatives for a sub-ACL for N WP being considered in FW 53 to the GF plan. The current alternatives in the document do not represent a fair and equitable allocation of the resource. The AP recommends that the Scallop Committee recommend that any future allocation in FW 53 should be based on projected catch of WP in the scallop fishery or an average of the % of WP catch in scallop fishery for the last 3-5 years (up to 2013 if available).

Vote: 11:0:0

Priorities

18. Lybarger/Fletcher

AP recommends the Committee consider a future work priority that would consider measures to address observer fees when a vessel is transiting. For example, currently an observer company charges

from dock to dock, but if a vessel steams inside demarcation at the beginning and the end of a trip, that vessel is not compensated with observer set-aside for that transit time.

Vote: 2:4:5, motion fails

19. Hansen/Maxwell

The AP moved to recommend the Committee suggest the Council initiate an amendment to streamline the scallop specification process to the work priorities for 2015.

Vote: 10:0:1, carries