



New England Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 23, 2022
TO: Scallop Advisory Panel and Scallop Committee
FROM: Melanie Griffin, Scallop Committee Chair
SUBJECT: **Purpose for Scallop AP and Committee meetings on December 1, 2022**

The Council will hold the upcoming Scallop Advisory Panel and Committee meetings by webinar on December 1, 2022. These are half-day meetings, and will require each group to work diligently through the agenda to stay on time. Documents for this meeting will be posted to a Sharefile site and then the Council's website as they become available. You will receive a link to access files ahead of the meeting.

Purpose: The main objectives of the meetings are to:

- 1) Review bycatch analyses, and consider recommending the inclusion of measures in FW36 to mitigate impacts on Northern windowpane flounder and yellowtail flounder.
- 2) Review analyses, and recommend final preferred alternatives in Framework 36.
- 3) Discuss other business.

Webinar: In order to participate in the meetings, you will need to register for the webinar. Please register before the meeting begins. You can use the following links to register.

AP webinar: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/1264182612564296717>

Committee webinar: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/489114875912492816>

The Council has developed an instruction guide for GoToWebinar remote participation. It can be found at [this link](#).

1. **Participating in the meeting:** **To participate, you MUST register for the meeting.** If you do not register, staff will not be able unmute you.

The public, AP, and Committee members will be able to participate in the webinar. Council staff will be working closely with the Chair to accommodate remote participation during the meeting. Staff will review how individuals can participate during the meeting. As with in-person meetings, questions about presentations will be entertained before taking comments. The AP and Committee will have the first opportunity to weigh-in, followed by the public. Individuals interested in speaking should raise their hand on the webinar.

2. **Motions via Webinar:**

- a. **Making Motions:** The preferred approach is for AP and Committee members to e-mail motions to Jonathon Peros (jperos@nefmc.org) and Sam Asci (sasci@nefmc.org) on Council staff, and cc the AP or Committee Chair.

- b. **Seconding Motions:** AP and Committee: You can raise your hand in the webinar to second the motion. Council staff or the Chair will confirm this by voice over the webinar so it is clear who the maker and seconder of each motion are.
- c. **Discussion on each Motion:** The AP and Committee will have an opportunity to discuss each motion, followed by an opportunity for the public to comment. Please raise your hand on the webinar if you would like to speak to a motion. The Chair will call on individuals who would like to address the motion. After the AP/Committee have a chance to discuss this motion, the Chair will call on members of the public.
- d. **Voting:** When the Chair is ready to call the vote, Council staff will do a roll call vote. Staff will provide the vote count, which will be confirmed by the Chair. At the discretion of the Chair, motions can also be approved by unanimous consent in lieu of a roll call vote.

Meeting Materials:

All meeting materials can be accessed at this [link](#).

If you have any questions about the documents, please contact Jonathon Peros (jperos@nefmc.org; 978-465-0492 ext. 117).

MEETING MATERIALS

- 1. Meeting Information
 - a. Meeting Agenda
 - b. Meeting Memo from Committee Chair, Ms. Melanie Griffin
- 2. Staff Presentation (*to be provided*)
- 3. Framework 36
 - a. Decision Document (will be updated with AP and Committee input)
 - b. Draft Framework 36
 - c. Bycatch memo to the Groundfish PDT
 - d. Measures to reduce fishery impacts – Bycatch reduction measures and analysis
- 4. Meeting Summaries
 - a. Scallop AP and Committee meetings, October 26 & 27, 2022
 - b. Recent PDT meeting summaries
- 5. Correspondence

Framework 36

Recent Activity: The Scallop PDT has met several times to address Committee tasking and develop projections for 2023 and 2024 (default) specifications. Council staff will present information on the range of alternatives under consideration in Framework 36. The AP and Committee will have the opportunity to select preferred alternatives at this meeting. This is the final opportunity for both groups to weigh in on FW36 development before the [Council takes final action on December 7, 2022](#).

Since the AP and Committee last met in October, the Scallop PDT's bycatch analysis for FY2023 suggests that the fishery's catch of Northern windowpane flounder could exceed both the sub-ACL and the acceptable biological catch (ABC) for the stock, which is in a rebuilding plan. Council staff recommend that the AP and Committee consider this new information, and work through Framework 36 topics in the following order:

- Consider bycatch estimates developed by the Scallop PDT. If warranted, discuss possible measures that could be used to mitigate impacts on flatfish stocks (would be Section 4.5). Possible steps:
 - a. Review PDT recommendation to consider options to reduce bycatch in Framework 36, particularly for northern windowpane flounder.
 - b. Develop measures (motion).
- Select the *preferred alternative* for overfishing limit and acceptable biological catch (Section 4.1).
- Select *preferred alternatives* for Northern Gulf of Maine management and total allowable landings in FY 2023 and FY 2024 (Section 4.2).
- Select the *preferred alternatives* for fishery specifications for FY 2023 and FW 2024 (default), including access area and DAS allocations (Section 4.3).
- Select the *preferred alternative* for LAGC IFQ access area trip allocations (Section 4.4).
- *If measures are developed*, select a *preferred alternatives* for Measures to reduce fishery impacts on Northern windowpane flounder (Section 4.5, if recommended to be added to FW36).

Other Business

Anticipated Outcomes: Additional items and issues may be taken up under other business.

Please review all documents before the meeting.

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