

Draft Scallop Committee Meeting Motions
September 19, 2019
Boston, MA

The meeting began at 8:15am

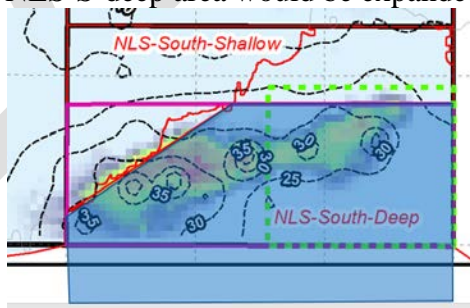
Projection Run Tasking Motions:

Motion 1: Griffin/Pappalardo

Task the PDT with the following projection (SAMS) runs for consideration in FW32 and modify the NLS-S SAMS area boundaries.

	Run 1	Run 2	Run 3	Run 4
Total trips	5	4	5	4
Trip limit	18,000	18,000	15,000	18,000
Trip Allocations by Area (combined cells indicate a single trip coming from multiple SAMS areas)				
MAAA	2	2	2	2
CAII	1	1 + 1/3	1	1
CAI	1/2	1/3	1/2	½ w/ FLEX option to MAAA
NLS-N	1/2	1/3	1/2	½ trip
NLS-S-shallow	1 trip	Closed	1 trip (combined areas)	
NLS-W		Closed		
CAII-EXT	Open bottom	Closed	Open bottom	Open bottom
Partial CAII closure to protect YT, small scallops	NO	YES	NO	NO

Modifications to the NLS-S SAMS areas. The NLS-S-deep boundary would be roughly defined using as the dark blue area. The area outside of the dark blue area would be the South Shallow. The southern boundary of the NLS-S-deep area would be expanded.



Rationale: This advances AP motions 1 – 4 for access area fishing and drops the latter approach. This range should help the Council consider how to develop harvest options for the next two specification cycles. There are questions and concerns in the NLS-West. Expanding the NLS-S-deep area allows vessels more space to operate when fishing in the area.

The motion carried on a show of hands 11/0/0.

Motion 2: Patterson/Gates

The Committee tasks the PDT to calculate open area DAS when fishing at:

- $F=0.23$
- $F=0.295$
- $F=0.4$
- Open bottom configurations with and without:
 - NLS-W as part of open bottom
 - CAII-EXT as part of open bottom
- NLS-Hatchet as open bottom (this is not a SAMS area, will not change, just re-open).
- The PDT may apply these F rates to various runs from Motion 1.

The motion carried on a show of hands (11/0/0).

Motion 3: Hughes/Reid

Task the PDT to develop the following option for harvesting scallops in the NLS-S-deep area in 2020 in Framework 32:

- This would be a standard access area trip.
- Limited Access Full Time trip limit of 18,000 (~6 million lb harvest).
- The LAGC allocation would be 5.5% of the total harvest from for the access area. LAGC would be allocated a total number of trips. Maintain 600 lb trip limit.
- Vessels would have 14 months to harvest (April 1, 2020 – May 31, 2021).
- Crew limits for LA could be increased by 2 from maximum crew limit in regulation.

Rationale: There are over three billion scallops in this area. Focus is on using a simple approach this year, and continue to track scallop health and fishery performance in this area.

The motion carried on a show of hands (11/0/0).

Notes: Crew limits vary by permit type. The AA trip would be taken in the modified NLS-S-deep area. Staff explained that this trip would be combined with the runs in Motion 1. There was interest in evaluating a 15,000 lb trip limit for this area (which will be done). The intent is that these trips would be tradable with other access area trips of the same denomination.

Closure to protect small scallops

Motion 4: Smith/Patterson

Task the PDT to develop a targeted closed areas for Stellwagen Bank corresponding to survey data for North Stellwagen and South Stellwagen Bank to protect small scallops. Closed area to remain for 2 years with possible adjustments made after year 1 to account for scallop movement.

Rationale: Closure is expected to improve YPR. Consider separate closures for these areas (north and south of 42° 20') that focus on protecting the small scallops. Focused closure would be intended retain some access on Stellwagen Bank to larger scallops.

The motion carried on a show of hands (11/0/0).

Amendment 21 Motions

Motion 5: Smith/Reid

Task the PDT to analyze and delineate sub-areas in the NGOM with high levels of scallop biomass.

Rationale: This would provide a basis to evaluate options for managing sub-areas within the NGOM management area.

Notes: This would be to further develop concepts in 2.2.4 Option 4 in Document 4a (for this Committee meeting). See the rationale when completing tasking on this.

Process: The PDT would evaluate existing survey and fishery data to delineate sub-areas that hold scallops in the NGOM.

The motion carried on a show of hands (10/0/0).

Motion 6: Smith/Patterson

- Task the PDT to develop a range of alternatives in Amendment 21 which maintain a separate NGOM TAC from the rest of the scallop fishery (outside of ACL flowchart). This can include:
 - The current allocation method in which the 70,000 pound baseline allocated to the NGOM fleet and the remaining quota is split 50/50 between the GC and LA fleets.
 - Alternatives which scale the NGOM allocation to the size of the resource, with the remaining quota being split 50/50 between the General Category and LA boats.

Rationale: Amendment 11 established the NGOM area as distinctively different and separate from the rest of the scallop fishery. This separation recognized that, due to the small-scale nature of the fishery and the episodic nature of recruitment, a different management scheme would be necessary to ensure the success of the Gulf of Maine scallop fishery. This motion would maintain the intention of Amendment 11

to manage NGOM separately while still achieving this Amendment's goals of allowing orderly access to the GC and LA fleets.

The motion carried on a show of hands (8/2/0).

Motion 7: Reid/

Recommend that the Council establish a control date for the Northern Gulf of Maine portion of the scallop fishery.

Rationale: To address future expansion of the NGOM fishery.

The motion was withdrawn without objection.

Motion 8: Hughes/Reid

Recommend that the Council establish a control date that could be used to restrict movement between LAGC B (NGOM)/C (Incidental) permits.

Rationale: The LAGC B permit is the NGOM permit, the LAGC C permit is the incidental permit. If individuals are considering getting into the NGOM fishery they should be notified that Council may change the rules in the future.

Motion 9: Pappalardo/Bellavance

Move to table Motion 8 until the October Scallop Committee meeting.

The motion carried on a show of hands (10/0/0).

Motion 10: Patterson/Hughes

Add to the Council's Research Priorities:

- Investigation of poor scallop recruitment recent years.

Notes: This occurred while scallop fishery during years of high landings. What was special about/drove the 2012 and 2013 recruitment events? Consider as part of the RSA discussion in 2020.

The motion carried on a show of hands (8/1/0).

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10pm. The Committee went into a closed-door session to discuss advisory panel applications.

Draft Scallop AP Meeting Motions
September 18, 2019
Boston, MA

The meeting began at 8:15am

Projection Run Tasking Motions:

Motion 1: Fulcher/Larson

Recommend that the Committee task the PDT to consider the following spatial management configuration for FY 2020 as an option for consideration in FW32:

Five trip option, 18,000 lb trip limits:

- ½ trip NLS-N AA & ½ trip CAI AA (use a lottery)
- 1 trip in CAII AA
- 2 MAAA
- 1 NLS-W and NLS-S-shallow (Reconfigured area that combines the 2 areas)

Notes: The boundary of the NLS-S-shallow may need to be modified from a depth contour for management purposes. CAII does not include the extension, that are would remain open bottom.

The motion carried on a show of hands (11/0/0).

Motion 2: Enoksen/Welch

Recommend that the Committee task the PDT to consider the following spatial management configuration for FY 2020 as an option for consideration in FW32:

Four trip option, 18,000 lb trips.

- 2 MAAA
- 1 CAII AA
- 1 trip by combining 1/3 trip from each of the following areas (allocated in 18,000 lb each, distributed in a lottery, tradable).
 - NLS-N
 - CAI
 - CAII
- Fine scale closure to protect small scallops in CAII and the entire CAII-ext. Do not include SF area.

Rationale: Closed area to protect juvenile scallops and improve YPR. This would also mitigate impacts on GBYT. Trips would be tradeable. GC trips in CAII would be redirected to CAI and the NLS-N.

The motion carried on a show of hands (11/0/1).

Motion 3: Enoksen/Welch

Recommend that the Committee task the PDT to consider the following spatial management configuration for FY 2020 as an option for consideration in FW32:

Five trip option, 15,000 lb trips:

- ½ trip NLS-N AA & ½ trip CAI AA (use a lottery)
- 1 trip in CAII AA
- 2 MAAA
- 1 NLS-W and NLS-S-shallow (Reconfigured area that combines the 2 areas)

The motion carried on a show of hands (12/0/0).

Notes: The boundary of the NLS-S-shallow may need to be modified from a depth contour for management purposes. CAII does not include the extension, that are would remain open bottom.

Motion 4: Lybarger/Mullis

Recommend that the Committee task the PDT to consider the following spatial management configuration for FY 2020 as an option for consideration in FW32:

4 trip option, 18,000 lbs

- 2 MAAA
- 1 CAII
- ½ trip NLS-N & NLS-S-shallow combined and ½ CAI Flex trip

Notes: Would only be able to FLEX the CAI trip to MAAA, not the NLS trip. The boundary of the NLS-S-shallow may need to be modified from a depth contour for management purposes.

The motion carried on a show of hands (12/0/0).

Motion 5: Enoksen/Larson

AP recommends that the Committee task the PDT to calculate DAS for open area fishing at:

- $F=0.23$
- $F=0.295$
 - With and without NLS-W as part of open bottom
- NLS-Hatchet as open bottom (this is not a SAMS area, will not change).

Note: the AP would like to see estimated F rates by SAMS area for open bottom fishing.

The motion carried on a show of hands (12/0/0).

Motion 6: Fulcher/Maxwell

AP recommends that the Committee task the PDT to calculate DAS for open area fishing in FY 2020 at:

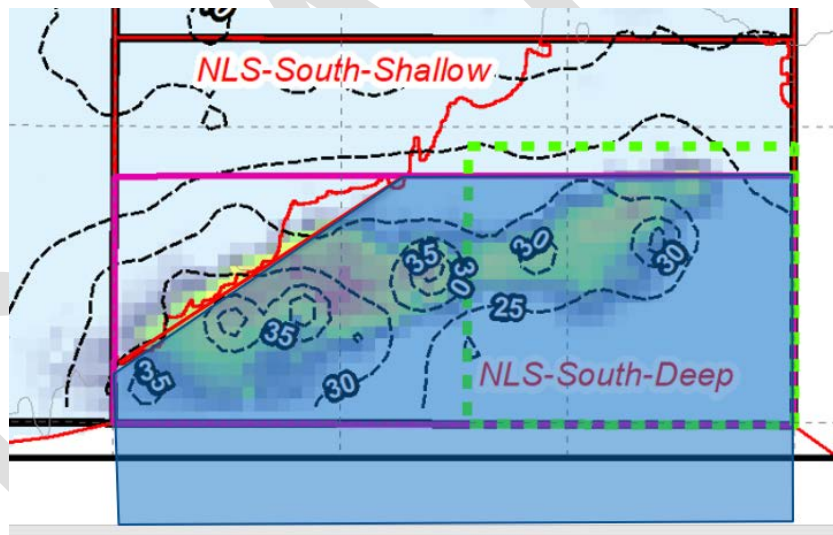
- $F=0.23$
- $F=0.295$
- $F=0.4$
- For both area:
 - With and without CAII-EXT
 - With and without Southern Flank

The motion carried on a show of hands (12/0/0).

Rationale: This motion advances open bottom F rates that have been used by the Council to set open area DAS in recent actions.

Nantucket Lightship South Deep Motions

(7) By consensus, the AP recommends that Committee task the PDT with modifying the NLS-S boundaries using the following graphic as a guide, with the new NLS-S-deep area as shaded in darker blue.



Rationale: Extend the southern extent of the management boundary to allow vessels more room to operate in the area. Delineate a boundary that focuses on the small scallops in high density areas. This would modify the existing NLS-S-shallow and NLS-S-deep areas.

Motion 8: Fulcher/Lybarger

The AP recommends that the Committee task the PDT to develop the following option for harvesting the NLS-S-deep area in 2020 in Framework 32:

- This would be a “bonus” trip as a special access program.
- Trip limit of 15,000 for LA (~5 million lb harvest)
- The LAGC allocation be 5.5% of the total harvest from for the SAP area. LAGC would be allocated a total number of trips. Maintain 600 lb trip limit.
- Vessels would have 12 months to harvest (April 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021).
- Vessel would not be able to carry forward this trip into a subsequent fishing year. (use or lose)

Rationale: Fish this area in 2020, and begin utilizing these scallops. This is a starting point for harvesting these scallops in the future.

Staff notes: The AP felt that it was important to begin accessing these scallops in 2020, recognizing that they may be important to the fishery in 2021. Crew limits would say the same.

The motion carried on a show of hands (12/0/0).

Table 1 - Summary of AP recommendations for SAMS runs

	AP Motion 1	AP Motion 2	AP Motion 3	AP Motion 4
Total trips	5	4	5	4
Trip limit	18,000	18,000	15,000	18,000
MAAA	2	2	2	2
CAII	1	1 + 1/3	1	1
CAI	1/2	1/3	1/2	½ FLEX to MAA
NLS-N	1/2	1/3	1/2	½
NLS-S-shallow	1 trip (combined areas)	Closed	1 trip (combined areas)	
NLS-W		Closed		
CAII-EXT	Open bottom	Closed	Open bottom	Open bottom
CAII closure to protect YT, small scallops	NO	YES	NO	NO
Open bottom F (Motion 5 & 6)	.23, .295, .4	.23, .295, .4	.23, .295, .4	.23, .295, .4

Mitigating Impacts on Georges Bank Yellowtail Flounder
(9) Consensus on GB YT:

The spatial management approaches for FY 2020 that the AP recommended to the Committee are expected to help mitigate impacts on GB YT flounder. This includes reduced access in Closed Area II and fishing open area DAS at a conservative F rate.

Closure to protect small scallops
Motion 10: Porter/Mullis

The AP recommends that the Committee task the PDT to develop a targeted closed area on Stellwagen Bank to protect juvenile scallops. Closed area to remain for 2 years with possible adjustments made after year 1 to account for scallop movement.

Rationale: Closure is expected to improve YPR.

Notes: Focused closure would be intended retain some access on Stellwagen Bank.

The motion carried on a show of hands (11/0/1).

Amendment 21 NGOM Alternatives
Motion 11: Fulcher/Maxwell

Recommend the Committee recommend that the Council establish a control date that could be used to restrict movement between LAGC B/C permits.

Rationale: The LAGC B permit is the NGOM permit, the LAGC C permit is the incidental permit. If folks are considering getting into the NGOM fishery they should be notified that Council may changes the rules in the future.

The motion carried on a show of hands (10/1/0).

Motion 12: Porter/Vafides

Recommend the Committee recommend that the Council establish a control date that could be used to restrict permanent movement from a LAGC A (IFQ) permit to a LAGC B (NGOM) or C (Incidental) permit.

Rationale: If folks are considering getting into the NGOM fishery they should be notified that Council may changes the rules in the future.

The motion carried on a show of hands (10/1/0).

2020 Council Priorities:

By Consensus (13):

Add to the Council's 2020 Priorities and Research Priorities:

- Investigation of poor scallop recruitment recent years.

Notes: This occurred while scallop fishery during years of high landings. What was special about/drove the 2012 and 2013 recruitment events?

The meeting ended at 5:28pm.