

**Draft Motions**

Scallop Committee

Webinar

January 22, 2021

*Selection of Preferred Alternatives in Scallop Framework 33:*

**Motion 1: Griffin/Hughes**

That the Committee recommend the Council adopt in Section 4.1, Alternative 4.1.2, Updated OFL and ABC for FY 2021 and FY 2022, as the preferred alternative.

*Rationale:* This alternative contains the most recent and up to date information on the fishery and represents the best available science. Alternative 2 was supported by the PDT and the AP.

*The motion carried on unanimous consent.*

**Motion 2: Patterson/Smith**

Recommend that the Council adopt in Section 4.2.2, Alternative 2, first 70,000 lbs of NGOM TAC to LAGC, then 50/50 split between LA and LAGC, as the preferred alternative. Select as preferred:

- Option 2 in Section 4.2.2.1.2- Set NGOM TAC for 2021 at  $F=0.20$  TAC 175,000 pounds, LAGC share 122,500 pounds.
- Sub-Option 1 in Section 4.2.2.2.1 set the NGOM TAC for 2022:  $F=0.20$  TAC 74,000 pounds, LAGC Share 72,000 pounds. The Stellwagen Bank closure would remain closed until the next action will open the area.

*Rationale:* Fishing the NGOM at  $F=0.2$  is a conservative approach, which has been a stated goal of this area and fleet as we strive to rebuild the NGOM scallop area.

*The motion carried on unanimous consent.*

### Motion 3: Griffin/Smith

Move the Committee recommend the Council select in Section 4.3, Alternative 4.3.5 - Four Access Area Trips, with 1 trip to the Mid-Atlantic Access Area and Option 4.3.5.1 – Open Areas Fished at F=0.3 (24 DAS). This would allocate the following:

- 1 trip to Mid-Atlantic Access Area
- 1.5 trips to Nantucket Lightship – South Access Area
- 1.5 trips to CAII-SW + CAII-Ext Access Area
- FT LA trip limit of 18,000-lbs.

CAI would remain a rotational area designated for LAGC Access Area trips and RSA compensation fishing only. In addition, allocate 1 trip to the MAAA as a default measure for FY2022.

*Rationale:* Need to harvest the aging scallops in both Mid and NLS-S or risk foregoing exploitable biomass. Uncertainty around likelihood of a trip in Mid during FY2022 is likely underestimated so having only 1 trip in 2021 improves that potential balance of access between FY2021 and 2022. This also starts a transition to resource out on eastern GB where biomass is expected to increase even with the allocated level of fishing. Maintaining the CAI boundary and making it eligible for only LAGC IFQ AA trips and RSA compensation fishing will give both the LA and LAGC components an opportunity to fish there at a limited level if vessels elect to do so. The Scallop PDT recommends setting DAS at 24. DAS and AA recommendations attempt to balance providing for meaningful open bottom fishing in 2021 and 2022, while recognizing that realized F is often higher than what is projected. FY2022 default is in addition to the standard default measures. Ideally, new specs and allocations will be in place on April 1, 2022.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Recuse
Scallop Committee				
Vincent Balzano, CT (Chair)				
Melanie Griffin, MA (VC)	YES			
Matt Gates, CT	YES			
Cheri Patterson, NH	YES			
Mark Godfroy, NH	YES			
Melissa Smith, ME	YES			
John Pappalardo, MA	YES			
Emily Gilbert, GARFO	YES			
Dr. Michael Sissenwine, MA	YES			
Dr. John Quinn, MA				
Eric Reid, RI	YES			
Alan Tracy, ME	YES			
Peter Hughes, MAFMC	YES			
Peter deFur, MAFMC	YES			
TOTAL VOTE	12	0	0	

**Motion 4: Griffin/Patterson**

Recommend that the Council adopt in Section 4.4, Alternative 2 (4.4.2), Update LAGC IFQ Access Area Trip Allocations, Distribute Closed Area II Access Area Allocation to CAI Only, as the preferred alternative. The access area trips would be:

- 571 in the MAAA
- 856 in the NLS-S
- 856 in CAI

*Rationale:* Move Georges Bank trips to an inshore area for access by the LAGC. This is important during COVID so vessels don't have to become transient to fish in access areas. These trip levels correspond with Alternative 5 in Action 3.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Recuse
<b>Scallop Committee</b>				
Vincent Balzano, CT (Chair)				
Melanie Griffin, MA (VC)	YES			
Peter deFur, MAFMC	YES			
Cheri Patterson, NH	YES			
Mark Godfroy, NH	YES			
Melissa Smith, ME	YES			
John Pappalardo, MA	YES			
Emily Gilbert, GARFO	YES			
Dr. Michael Sissenwine, MA		NO		
Dr. John Quinn, MA				
Eric Reid, RI	YES			
Alan Tracy, ME	YES			
Peter Hughes, MAFMC		NO		
Matt Gates, CT	YES			
<b>TOTAL VOTE</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>	

**Motion 5: Griffin/Hughes**

Recommend that the Council adopt in Section 4.5.1, Alternative 2 (4.5.1.2), allow RSA compensation fishing in open areas and the Mid-Atlantic Access Area, NLS-South, Closed Area II, and Closed Area I, with limited RSA compensation fishing in the NGOM Management Area, as the preferred alternative.

*Rationale:* Allows flexibility to use RSA compensation pounds in all open rotational areas. Diversity of where you can fish the RSA trips.

***The motion carried on unanimous consent.***

**Motion 6: Hughes/Gates**

Recommend that the Council adopt in Section 4.5.2, Alternative 2 (4.5.2.2), Extend Seasonal Closures of Closed Area II Access Area through November 30th in FY 2021, Include CAII-Ext in Seasonal Closure, as the preferred alternative.

*Rationale:* Sub-ACLs for Georges Bank yellowtail and Northern windowpane are low, and the fishery should be proactive in working to reducing bycatch.

***The motion carried on unanimous consent.***

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**Motion 1: Hansen/Fulcher**

Recommend that the Committee adopt in Section 4.1, Alternative 4.1.2, Updated OFL and ABC for FY 2021 and FY 2022, as the preferred alternative.

*Rationale:* This alternative contains the most recent and up to date information on the fishery and represents the best available science. Alternative 2 supported by the PDT.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Recuse
Scallop AP				
Tom Coley	YES			
Ronnie Enoksen	YES			
Paul Vafides	YES			
Michael Marchetti				
Kristen Porter	YES			
Kirk Larson	YES			
James Gutowski (Chair)				
Eric Hansen (VC)	YES			
Ed Mullis	YES			
Chris Merl	YES			
Charlie Quinn	YES			
Cassie Canastra				
Brent Fulcher	YES			
Brady Lybarger	YES			
Bob Maxwell				
Ben Martens	YES			
TOTAL VOTE	12	0	0	0

**Motion 2: Martens/Porter**

The Scallop AP Recommends that the Committee adopt in Section 4.2.2, Alternative 2, first 70,000 lbs of NGOM TAC to LAGC, then 50/50 split between LA and LAGC, as preferred alternative, with option 2 Section 4.2.2.1.2- Set NGOM TAC for 2021 at F=0.20 TAC 175,000 pounds LAGC share 122,500 pounds. And sub-option 1 Section 4.2.2.2.1 set the NGOM TAC for 2022: F=0.20 TAC 74,000 pounds, LAGC Share 72,000 pounds.

*Rationale:* Fishing the NGOM at F=0.2 is a conservative approach, which has been a stated goal of this area and fleet as we strive to rebuild the NGOM scallop area.

*The motion carried on unanimous consent.*

### **Motion 3: Martens/Porter**

The Scallop AP Recommend that the Committee request that GARFO change how they determine the date to close the NGOM area. Currently, trips are used as an indicator of landings which is not as precise as needed. More precise landings data should be used to establish a closing date moving forward.

*Rationale:* According to current regulations it states that “landings” are tracked, not trips, and it is clear that with a lower catch rate fewer trips will be landing their full 200 pound limit.

***The motion was withdrawn without objection.***

### **Motion 4: Lybarger/Mullis**

Recommend that the Committee add a new option in Section 4.3, and select as preferred. This alternative would allocate:

- 26 FT LA DAS (Open area F=0.33).
- 18,000 pound trip limit for full-time Limited Access vessels.
- 4 access area trips with the following allocations:
  - Closed Area I: 9,000 pound FLEX to NLS-South
  - Closed Area II: 27,000 pounds (1.5 trips)
  - NLS-South trip at 9,000 pounds (1/2 trip)
  - MAAA at 27,000 pounds (1.5 trips)

*Rationale:* Allowing access to entire fleet LA, Gen Cat, and RSA is how our industry has been and should be managed. Access should be allowed with data collected through surveys and science. (Lack of surveys should not limit portions of the fleet) Access to all or to None. Default trips for 2020 discussed in a later motion.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Recuse
Scallop AP				
James Gutowski (Chair)				
Kirk Larson		No		
Kristen Porter		No		
Michael Marchetti		No		
Paul Vafides		No		
Ronnie Enoksen		No		
Tom Coley		No		
Ben Martens		No		
Bob Maxwell				
Brady Lybarger	Yes			
Brent Fulcher			Abstain	
Cassie Canastra		No		
Charlie Quinn		No		
Chris Merl		No		
Ed Mullis	Yes			
Eric Hansen (VC)		No		
TOTAL VOTE	2	11	1	0

### **Motion 5: Hansen/Canastra**

Recommend that the Committee adopt in Section 4.3, a modified Alternative 5 (4.3.5) as preferred, with the addition of the ability to FLEX from NLS-S Deep to CAI. This alternative would allocate:

- 18,000 pound trip limit for full-time Limited Access vessels.
- 4 access area trips with the following allocations:
  - Closed Area II (SW and EXT): 27,000 pounds (1.5 trips)
  - NLS-South: 27,000 pounds (1.5 trip) – 9,000 would be FLEX to CAI.
  - MAAA: 18,000 pounds (1 trip)

	Yes	No	Abstain	Recuse
Scallop AP				
James Gutowski (Chair)				
Kirk Larson	Yes			
Kristen Porter	Yes			
Michael Marchetti	Yes			
Paul Vafides	Yes			
Ronnie Enoksen	Yes			
Tom Coley	Yes			
Ben Martens			Abstain	
Bob Maxwell				
Brady Lybarger	Yes			
Brent Fulcher	Yes			
Cassie Canastra	Yes			
Charlie Quinn	Yes			
Chris Merl	Yes			
Ed Mullis	Yes			
Eric Hansen (VC)	Yes			
TOTAL VOTE	13	0	1	0

*Note: Motion 5 did not address FT LA DAS, or 2022 default measures. See Motions 6 and 7.*

### **Motion 6: Fulcher/Mullis**

Recommend that the Committee adopt in Action 3, 26 DAS for FT LA DAS (Option 2 for DAS).

*Rationale:* Open bottom trips will be on eastern Georges Bank, this will allow for additional time to transit to offshore areas.

*The motion carried on unanimous consent.*

**Motion 7: Hansen/Lybarger**

Recommend that the Committee adopt in Action 3, one 18,000 pound trip to the MAAA as the 2022 default access area trip.

*Rationale:* This is in addition to the standard default measures. Ideally, the new specifications and allocations will be in place on April 1, 2022.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Recuse
Scallop AP				
James Gutowski (Chair)				
Ben Martens			Abstain	
Bob Maxwell				
Brady Lybarger	Yes			
Brent Fulcher	Yes			
Cassie Canastra	Yes			
Charlie Quinn	Yes			
Chris Merl	Yes			
Ed Mullis	Yes			
Eric Hansen (VC)	Yes			
Kirk Larson	Yes			
Kristen Porter	Yes			
Michael Marchetti	Yes			
Paul Vafides	Yes			
Ronnie Enoksen	Yes			
Tom Coley	Yes			
TOTAL VOTE	13	0	1	0



### **Motion 8: Merl/Marchetti**

Recommend that the Committee adopt in Section 4.4, Alternative 2 (4.4.2), Update LAGC IFQ Access Area Trip Allocations, Distribute Closed Area II Access Area Allocation to CAI Only, as the preferred alternative if the Committee adopts AP motion 5 (2021 specifications). When combined with AP motion 5, the access area trips would be:

- 571 in the MAAA
- 856 in the NLS-S
- 856 in CAI

*Rationale:* Move Georges Bank trips to an inshore area for access by the LAGC. This is important during COVID so vessels don't have to become transient to fish in access areas. These trip levels correspond with Alternative 5 in Action 3.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Recuse
Scallop AP				
Tom Coley	YES			
Ronnie Enoksen	YES			
Paul Vafides	YES			
Michael Marchetti	YES			
Kristen Porter	YES			
Kirk Larson	YES			
James Gutowski (Chair)				
Eric Hansen (VC)	YES			
Ed Mullis	YES			
Chris Merl	YES			
Charlie Quinn	YES			
Cassie Canastra	YES			
Brent Fulcher	YES			
Brady Lybarger	YES			
Bob Maxwell				
Ben Martens	YES			
TOTAL VOTE	14	0	0	0

**Motion 9: Fulcher/Enoksen**

Recommend that the Committee adopt in Section 4.5.1, Alternative 2 (4.5.1.2), allow RSA compensation fishing in open areas and the Mid-Atlantic Access Area, NLS-South, Closed Area II, and Closed Area I, with limited RSA compensation fishing in the NGOM Management Area, as the preferred alternative.

*Rationale:* Allows flexibility to use RSA compensation pounds in all open rotational areas. Diversity of where you can fish the RSA trips.

***The motion carried on unanimous consent.***

**Motion 10: Enoksen/Mullis**

Recommend that the Committee adopt in Section 4.5.2, Alternative 2 (4.5.1.2), Extend Seasonal Closures of Closed Area II Access Area through November 30th in FY 2021, Include CAII-Ext in Seasonal Closure, as the preferred alternative.

*Rationale:* Sub-ACLs for Georges Bank yellowtail and Northern windowpane are low, and the fishery should be proactive in working to reducing bycatch.

***The motion carried on unanimous consent.***

## 2021 Work Priorities

### **Motion 11: Fulcher/Enoksen**

Recommend that the Committee recommend that the Council add LA leasing listening sessions to the 2021 work priorities. Recommend that Evaluation of Rotational Management be pursued using additional resources to free-up staff time to work on the listening sessions.

*Rationale:* The AP has recommended this before. There is a majority of the permit holders that would like to discuss this. We should have a discussion to make a decision about whether or not to pursue this further. Keeping this in the Council process would allow for fair and equitable participation in the process.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Recuse
Scallop AP				
James Gutowski (Chair)				
Ben Martens	YES			
Bob Maxwell				
Brady Lybarger	YES			
Brent Fulcher	YES			
Cassie Canastra	YES			
Charlie Quinn				
Chris Merl		NO		
Ed Mullis	YES			
Eric Hansen (VC)		NO		
Kirk Larson	YES			
Kristen Porter	YES			
Michael Marchetti		NO		
Paul Vafides	YES			
Ronnie Enoksen	YES			
Tom Coley		NO		
TOTAL VOTE	9	4	0	0

*The meeting ended at 2:07 pm.*