



## New England Fishery Management Council

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### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** May 25, 2016  
**TO:** Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC)  
**FROM:** Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director  
**SUBJECT:** Terms of Reference – Update and comments on 5-year catch share review of the scallop limited access general category (LAGC) ITQ management program.

#### Terms of Reference

- Provide input on the draft five-year review work plan for the Council to consider.

#### Background

Amendment 11 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop FMP implemented a limited entry general category IFQ program. The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act requires a detailed review of limited access privilege programs 5 years after the implementation of the program to determine “progress in meeting the goals of the program and this Act, and any necessary modification of the program to meet those goals...” (Section § 303A (c)(1)(G)). When applied to the scallop fishery, the IFQ reviews should address both the goals of the program as specified in Amendment 11 as well as the general goals of the MSA including those related to limited access privileges.

A technical work group was identified in February 2016 with members of Council staff, NEFSC Social Science Branch and GARFO staff. The work group has developed a draft outline which includes planned analyses.

#### Information

- 2a. Updated DRAFT catch share review guidance
- 2b. Five-year review work plan for the LAGC ITQ program
- 2c. Staff presentation on review work plan for the LAGC ITQ program (*to be distributed at SSC meeting*)