The meeting began at 9:06 a.m.

**Motion 1: Hughes/Duval**

Task the PDT to develop the following specification options for consideration at the October 2022 Committee Meeting:

- For open bottom DAS, analyze a range of F=0.39, F=0.45, F=0.52.
- The PDT should develop options that would allow LAGC IFQ AA trips in inshore rotational areas by considering access to NLS regions for RSA compensation fishing and LAGC IFQ access area trips associated with the IFQ share of the CAII AA allocation. Run the SAMS model with F=0.39 and F=0.52 with NLS areas not as open bottom. This would create 5 total SAMS runs.

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**Rationale:** This motion is intended to combine options recommended by the Scallop AP in Motions 2-7 from their September 20, 2022 meeting. These preliminary SAMS runs will help inform decisions about open bottom and rotational management, and possible closures. Regarding the F of F=0.52, this was the F rate that was used in the “bridge year” in 2014.

The motion carried on a roll call vote, 9-1-0.

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### Motion 2: Smith/Hughes

Recommend that the Committee task the PDT to analyze a TAL for the NGOM of at $F=0.15, F=0.18$ using only the Stellwagen Bank area of interest.

*Rationale:* There is one dominant year class of scallops on Stellwagen Bank in the NGOM, continue with a conservative $F$ as this fishery grows.

The motion carried on a roll call vote, 10-0-0.

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### Motion 3: Hughes/Smith

Recommend that the Committee add “Adjustments to DAS counting or demarcation to address transiting long distances on DAS trips” to the list of possible 2023 work priorities.

*Rationale:* Adjusting DAS counting for vessels to bring trips home and support small coastal communities.

*The motion passed without objection.*
Motion 4: Hughes/Duval

Recommend that the Committee add “Develop measures to address issues with vessel breakdown or catastrophic failure that cause vessels to lose DAS or access area allocations” to the list of possible 2023 work priorities.

*The motion carried without objection.*

Motion 5: Brawn/Smith

Recommend that the Committee add “Address the movement between LAGC permit categories and increasing number of permits in the NGOM fishery” to the list of possible 2023 work priorities.

*Rationale:* The number of active participants in the NGOM doubled between 2021 and 2022, and there was a substantial increase in total number of General Category NGOM permit (switches) from 2021 and 2022. The number of IFQ permits with zero allocation has increased over time.

*The motion carried without objection.*

Motion 6: Hughes/Duval

The Scallop Committee recommends to the NEFMC to initiate the development of a voluntary DAS and access area trip leasing amendment in the Limited Access scallop fishery that is fair and equitable to all stakeholders and reasonably calculated to promote fishery conservation.

*Rationale:*

- Would provide flexibility to vessel owners and operators to improve the management of their vessels through leasing allocations, while maintain current ownership/use caps.
- Would eliminate the present arbitrary management and allow fair management of the entire fishery.
- To promote safety of life at sea, consistent with National Standard 10.
- To create an opportunity to reduce carbon emissions in the fishery, consistent with guidance issued by the Assistant Administrator of Fisheries to integrate climate considerations into decision making.

The development of an amendment would consider all the input and concerns provided during the scoping period.
Motion to substitute (6): Alexander/Etrie

Move that the Committee recommends that the Council initiate an action that facilitates temporary Limited Access DAS and access area leasing in the case of vessel loss, breakdowns or other vessel-related catastrophic events. The action shall include, but not be limited to, consideration of the following aspects: 1) measures to preclude breakdown and catastrophic failure claims that are not recent and adequately documented; 2) DAS leasing measures that account and/or adjust for differences in the relative LPUE or fishing power of the lessor and lessee vessels; 3) leasing terms that account for DAS used and access area trips made by the lessor vessel to date in the fishing year; 4) a reasonable lease duration and whether or not the lease will be allowed to cross fishing year boundaries and exercise carry-over provisions, and 5) limits on frequency of leasing requests by a single vessel.

Rationale:

1. 78% of the scoping commenters were opposed to the development of a general scallop Limited Access leasing program.
2. Leasing in the event of vessel loss or breakdown was one of the few common-ground needs identified during scoping.
3. Leasing in the event of vessel loss or breakdown will benefit all LA fishing vessels.
4. Addresses AP motion 9, which passed unanimously.

The substitute motion failed for lack of majority on a roll call vote of 5-5-0. Back to the main motion.
Main Motion (6): Hughes/Duval

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The motion failed for lack of majority on a roll call vote, 5-5-0.

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The meeting ended at 4:02 PM.
The meeting began at 9:07 a.m.

**Framework 36:**

**Motion 1: Merl/Vafides**

Recommend that the Committee task the PDT to develop measures in FW36 that shift the LAGC IFQ share of CAII AA allocations to Closed Area I for LAGC IFQ fishing, and allow RSA compensation fishing to occur in the area. Part of Closed Area I would be closed to protect the majority of the small scallops that would be in this area. The PDT would analyze the survey data and develop a closure with specific coordinates (box configuration may change).

*Rationale:* This is the same approach as FW33 and 34. Gives LAGC IFQ component to an access area that is inshore relative to CAII.

*The motion was withdrawn without objection.*
Motion 2: Enoksen/Larson

Recommend that the Committee moves to task the PDT to develop a rotational management option for consideration: (2 runs)

**Run 1:**
- Set FT LA trip limit at: 18,000
- Allocate 1 trip
- Allocate access area trips to the following areas:
  - 18,000 pound allocation to CAII (SE, SW, EXT as one area) for each FT vessel

**Run 2:**
- Set FT LA trip limit at: 10,000
- Allocate 2 trips
- Allocate access area trips to the following areas:
  - 20,000 pound allocation to CAII (SE, SW, EXT as one area) for each FT vessel

**Treatment of other SAMS areas**
- Close: ET, NYB-closure, NLS-W, CAI
- Open Bottom: NLS-South (with the triangle), NLS-N

*Rationale:* CAII should be a larger area to create more opportunity to spread vessels and effort out. These options follow PDT recommendations for closures. There is no incoming recruitment in the NLS-N and NLS-S, and they should be open bottom.

The motion carried 12-4-0 with no abstentions.

Motion 3: Fulcher/Enoksen

Recommend that the Committee moves to task the PDT to develop a rotational management option for consideration:

- Set FT LA trip limit at: 12,000
- Allocate 2 trips
- Allocate access area trips to the following areas:
  - 24,000 pound allocation to CAII (SE, SW, EXT as one area) for each FT vessel
  - Close: ET, NYB-closure, NLS-W
  - Open Bottom: NLS-South (with the triangle), NLS-N

*Rationale:* CAII should be a larger area to create more opportunity to spread out. Follow PDT recommendations for closures. There is no incoming recruitment in the NLS-N and NLS-S, and should be open bottom.

The motion carried 13-1-1.
**Motion 4: Lybarger/Larson**

The AP recommends that the Committee task the PDT to analyze open area DAS:

- 3 options: 20 DAS, 24 DAS, 26 DAS

This includes NLS-N and NLS-S (including the triangle) as open bottom.

*Rationale:* Analyze a DAS option that sets DAS at the current level, with higher and lower options (20 DAS and 26 DAS).

The motion carried 15-0-0.

**Motion 5: Fulcher/Canastra**

The AP recommends that the Committee task the PDT to analyze open area DAS:

- 3 options: 22 DAS, 28 DAS, 30 DAS

This includes NLS-N and NLS-S (including the triangle) as open bottom.

*Rationale:* Analyze a DAS option that sets DAS higher and lower than the current allocation at 24 DAS.

The motion carried 15-0-0.

**Motion 6: Porter/Fulcher**

Recommend that the Committee task the PDT to analyze a TAL for the NGOM of at $F=0.15$, $F=0.18$ using only the Stellwagen Bank area of interest.

*Rationale:* One year class of scallops, continue with a conservative F.

The motion carried 15-0-0.

**Motion 7: Merl/Fulcher**

Recommend that the Committee task the PDT to develop options that shift the LAGC IFQ share of CAII AA allocations to an inshore rotational area that can be accessed by the LAGC IFQ component at 800 pounds per trip. This analysis should include an option for creating new areas.

*Rationale:* Closed Area II is an offshore rotational area. The Council has opted to move the LAGC IFQ share of rotational allocations to CAII to inshore areas in past actions. This motion requests that the PDT explore options for creating LAGC IFQ opportunities to fish their share of the 2023 rotational allocations in inshore areas that are closer to port. This would be a short term approach because of the large recruitment event in CAI, where the LAGC has had access in recent years.

The motion carried 7-5-3.
**Motion 8:** Larson/Merl

Recommend that the Committee add “Adjustments to DAS counting or demarcation to address transiting from Georges Bank open bottom to ports in the Mid-Atlantic” to the list of possible 2023 work priorities.

*Rationale:* Adjusting DAS counting for Mid-Atlantic vessels to bring trips home and support small coastal communities.

The motion passed on unanimous consent.

**Motion 9:** Mullis/Lybarger

Recommend that the Committee add “Develop measures to address issues with vessel breakdown or catastrophic failure that cause vessels to lose DAS or access area allocations” to the list of possible 2023 work priorities.

The motion passed on unanimous consent.

**Motion 10:** Porter/Mullis

Recommend that the Committee add “Address the movement between LAGC permit categories, and increasing number of permits in the NGOM fishery” to the list of possible 2023 work priorities.

The motion passed on unanimous consent.

**Motion 11:** Fulcher/Enoksen

The AP recommends to the Scallop Committee that they recommend to the NEFMC to approve the development of a voluntary leasing option for DAS and AA trips in the LA scallop fishery.

*Rationale:*

- Would provide flexibility to vessel owners and operators to improve the management of their vessels through leasing allocations, while maintain current ownership/use caps.
- Would eliminate the present arbitrary management and allow fair management of the entire fishery
- To promote safety of life at sea, consistent with NS 10.
- To create an opportunity to reduce carbon emissions in the fishery, consistent with guidance issued by the Assistant Administrator of Fisheries to integrate climate considerations into decision making

The motion carried 9-4-0.
**Motion 12:** Enoksen/Lybarger

Request that the Committee recommend that the Council consider a control date to address movement of permits into the NGOM fishery.

*Rationale:* There has been a shift in the permit holders of the NGOM. NGOM is in the infant stages, and the number of participants should be considered.

The motion carried 10-2-0.

The meeting ended at 5:08pm.