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Hi Dan,

I hope this email finds you well, how was the canning this year? I wanted to send a quick note expressing strong opposition to the inclusion of revisiting scallop access on the Northern Edge as a priority item for 2026. The Council has spent years thoroughly investigating the feasibility of access to this area, balancing its importance to multiple fisheries. After extensive analysis and deliberation, the Council rightly determined that such access was not warranted. That decision was and continues to be grounded in sound science, important equity considerations, and a comprehensive understanding of the ecological and management implications to multiple fisheries under your purview.

No new information has been presented that would justify reopening this issue. Revisiting it now would not only undermine the integrity of the Council's prior work but also divert attention and resources from more pressing priorities that merit consideration. I understand how challenging Ex Comm's role is balancing limited resources against an expansive list of priorities. This task is even more challenging this year, and I hope Ex Comm will focus its attention on required items and initiatives supported by new evidence and clear need.

Happy to chat more about this with you,

Thanks

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