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Dear Chair Salerno, Executive Director O’Keefe, and Members of the SSC,
I have confidence in the SSC’s scientific expertise and its ability to evaluate the available scallop data. My question is how uncertainty is incorporated into the ABC recommendation.

When the SSC recommends ABC for FY 2027 and FY 2028, could you explain what uncertainty adjustments, safeguards, or risk buffers are already built into that recommendation?

Specifically, does the ABC already account for reasonable uncertainty in surveys, stock assessment results, recruitment, growth, mortality, and other underlying data?

I think it is important for the record to be clear about how much precaution is already incorporated into the SSC’s recommendation before subsequent management measures are developed.

Thank you for your consideration.

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