

Potential Scallop Work Priorities for 2016, as recommended by the Scallop Committee

(IN PRIORITY ORDER)

1. Fishery specification package (**Council will need to clarify if this package would be for one year or two years** - FY2017 and default for FY2018; or FY2017 and FY2018 and default for FY2019)
AP recommends one year and PDT recommends two years with a review during year one.
Target Implementation is April 2017
2. Framework 28 – two specific items
 - a) Action to address unused CA1 carryover trips and potential modifications to GB scallop access areas and allocations based on potential changes to closed areas on GB (pending approval of EFH action)
 - b) **Action to develop gear modification measures to further protect small scallops (specifically the same gear modification as the reactive WP AM: maximum of 5 rows of rings in dredge apron and maximum of 1.5:1 hanging ratio for twine top)**
Target implementation is April 2017, but item A depends on approval of EFH action
3. Inshore scallop workshop
Facilitated workshop scheduled for late Feb/early March 2016
4. 5 year review for LAGC IFQ Fishery (FY2010-2014)
MSA requirement to review IFQ program 5 years after implementation – waiting for guidance on requirements and resources needed for this review

Other issues that have been raised at Council meetings 2015

5. Modify scallop exemption areas that are part of Multispecies FMP (to reflect changes proposed in OHA2) to allow LAGC vessels to fish in newly opened areas that are outside current exemption areas (if approved in EFH action)
Committee supports this as a 2016 work priority and recommends it be forwarded to Groundfish Committee for consideration

Other issues the Scallop PDT and Committee will be working on in 2016

1. **Effort to integrate findings from Scallop Survey Methods Peer Review** – *Specifics are uncertain but a working group may be formed to identify ways to leverage findings into the overall process*
2. **Review of RSA proposals** – *Annually around December/January each year
Members of Scallop PDT, AP, and Committee review RSA proposals and may participate in management review meeting. Council also needs to identify priorities annually (April or June Council Meeting).*