

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Scallop Committee

I. STATUS

- A. Meetings: There was a joint Scallop PDT/AP meeting on May 4 and a Scallop PDT conference call on May 22. The Scallop AP met on May 31, which was followed by a Scallop Committee meeting on June 1 (both in Boston, MA).
- B. LAGC IFQ Program Review Report: Consistent with MSA requirements, the Council has completed a draft program review for the LAGC IFQ fishery (2010 – 2015). Staff will be presenting findings from the LAGC IFQ five-year performance review.
- C. RSA Priorities Discussion: At least bi-annually, the Council recommends scallop RSA research priorities. The Council will be considering the Committee's recommendations; final recommendations as approved by the Council will be forwarded to the NEFSC for inclusion in the federal funding opportunity announcement later this summer.
- D. Framework Adjustment 29 (specifications and management measures): This action would consider measures that modify the NGOM management area. In addition to NGOM measures, this action will include: scallop fishery specifications for FY2018 and default measures for FY2019 (ABC/ACLs, DAS, access area allocations for LA and LAGC, hard-TAC for NGOM management area, target-TAC for LAGC incidental catch and set-asides for the observer and research programs), as well as flatfish accountability measures. This action may also include a suite of management measures which reflect the Council's 2017 scallop priorities.
- E. Control Date. The Council will be considering a motion from the March 30, 2017 Committee meeting to establish a control date that could be used to address movement between LAGC permit categories (ex: annually move between a category B Northern Gulf of Maine permit and a category C incidental permit).

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. Approve LAGC IFQ program review (2010 – 2015).
- B. Approve Scallop RSA Priorities for 2018/2019 Announcement.
- C. Receive update on Framework 29.
- D. Consider establishing a control date that could be used to address movement between LAGC permit categories.

III. INFORMATION

- 1. Staff Presentation (*to be handed out*)
- 2. 2017 Priorities for Scallop FMP
- 3. Draft LAGC IFQ Fishery Performance Report
- 4. 2018/2019 Scallop RSA
 - a. 2018/2019 Scallop RSA Research Priority Recommendations
 - b. Summary of Recent RSA Awards, including 2017/2018 RSA research awards
- 5. Scallop Framework 29

- a. Draft Framework 29 Action Plan
 - b. FW29 Discussion Document
 - c. Northern Gulf of Maine Management Measures Discussion Document
 - d. Report from PDT sub-group meeting on follow-up to 2015 survey peer review
6. Background on potential control date to address movement between LAGC permit categories
7. May 4, 2017 Scallop AP/PDT meeting summary
8. May 22, 2017 Scallop PDT meeting summary
9. May 31, 2017 Scallop Advisory Panel draft meeting summary
10. June 1, 2017 Scallop Committee draft meeting summary
11. Correspondence