

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Scallop Committee

I. STATUS

- A. Meetings: The Scallop PDT met on Sept. 29 in Boston, MA, and jointly with the Scallop Advisory Panel on Oct. 13 in Boston, MA. The Scallop PDT met by conference call on Oct. 6, Oct. 21, Oct. 26, and Oct. 28, 2016. The Scallop AP met jointly with the PDT on Oct. 13, and Nov. 2, 2016. The Scallop Committee met on Oct. 17 and Nov. 3, 2016. The Council's Science and Statistical Committee met to discuss scallop fishery OLFs and ABCs on Oct. 18, 2016. The Scallop PDT is planning to meet by conference call on Nov. 7 and Nov. 10, 2016.
- B. Framework Adjustment 28 (specifications and management measures): This action was initiated at the June Council meeting and currently includes: scallop fishery specifications for FY2017 and default measures for FY2018 (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). This action also includes the following management measures: 1) measures to restrict the possession of shell stock inshore of 42° 20' N; 2) measures to apply spatial management to fishery specifications (ACL flowchart).
- C. Groundfish Framework Adjustment 56: The Council is considering developing a scallop sub-ACL for northern windowpane flounder through Framework 56, and will be setting an ABC for Georges Bank yellowtail flounder. The Scallop PDT has sent three memos to the Groundfish PDT regarding these measures.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. Final action on Scallop Framework 28 to set fishery specifications for fishing year 2017 and default measures for FY2018, as well as other management measures.

III. INFORMATION

1. Staff Presentation on Scallop Committee Report (*to be distributed at Council meeting*)

Scallop Framework 28:

2. Draft Scallop Framework 28
 - a. Table of Scallop Framework 28 Alternatives
 - b. Summary of Framework 28 Specification Alternatives
 - c. Draft Framework 28 impact analyses
 - d. Draft Framework 28 economic analysis
3. Framework 28 Action Plan
4. Correspondence
5. Scallop PDT memo to the SSC re: OFL and ABCs for 2017 and 2018 (default)

6. Joint Scallop PDT/AP meeting motions, October 13, 2016
7. Scallop Committee Meeting Motions, Oct. 17, 2016
8. Scallop AP Meeting Motions, Nov. 2, 2016
9. Scallop Committee Meeting Motions, Nov. 3, 2016
10. Summary of Recent Scallop PDT Conference Calls (Oct. 21, Oct. 26, Oct. 28, Nov. 7, and Nov. 10).