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DRAFT COMMITTEE MOTIONS

Scallop Committee Meeting

Courtyard Marriott, Providence, RI

October 29, 2014

Framework 26

1. Sissenwine/Quinn

Committee agrees to add an alternative in Framework 26 that would allocate a poundage to LAGC vessels in access areas equivalent to the proportion of catch from access areas overall (Option 4) (Supports AP Motion 5).

Vote: 7:0:0, carries

2. Kaelin/Quinn

Committee clarifies the transiting provisions for new scallop access area closures under consideration in Framework: support status quo for GB closures (transiting allowed for NL extensions and transiting prohibited for CA2 south) and prohibit transit for all scallop vessels in ETA closure (Supports AP Motion 4).

Vote: 8:0:0, carries

3. Kaelin/Kendall

Revise Framework 26 document to allow either a flexible or lottery method of allocation for all specification alternatives, and not specify that lottery allocation be the only allocation method for specification alternatives 2 and 4.

Vote: 7:0:1, carries

4. Alexander/Preble

Clarify that the default measure in Framework 26 for FY2016 be 75% of the projected DAS, and adopt a 20 day minimum if 75% of projected DAS are less than 20 DAS (Supports AP Motion 6).

Vote: 8:0:0, carries

5. Robins/Kaelin

Recommend inclusion of an alternative in Framework26 that would allow any LA vessel on an open area trip to declare out of fishery (DOF) with product on board and clock out at VMS demarcation line between Cape Henlopen and Cape May, NJ when bound for

ports south of that area. The same requirements A-E listed under Alternative 2.8.3 should apply for this alternative as well, as clarified based on Enforcement Committee input (zero in-shell scallops on board and increased VMS polling (every 5 minutes)) (Supports AP Motion 8).

Vote: 7:0:0, carries

6. Robins/Kendall

Recommend Alternative 2.8.2 (VMS corridor) move to the considered and rejected section in Framework 26 to help facilitate analysis of the other two options in this section, as well as No Action.

Vote: 7:0:0, carries

Other Business

7. Sissenwine/Kaelin

Committee recommends that the Council consult with GARFO and NEFSC to discuss alternative rulemaking strategies to get specifications implemented in time for the start of the fishing year (Supports AP Motion 9).

Vote: 7:0:0

DRAFT ADVISORY PANEL MOTIONS

Scallop Advisory Panel Meeting

Courtyard Marriott, Providence, RI

October 28, 2014

Framework 26

1. Fletcher/

AP recommends that transiting be allowed through ETA closed area, if closed by FW26.

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2. Maxwell/Fletcher

AP recommends that transiting be allowed through ETA closed area with gear stowed, if the area is closed by FW26.

Vote: 3:7:4, motion fails

3. Keese/

If a no transit alternative is adopted in FW26 for ETA, the AP recommends that LAGC vessels be exempt from that provision for 2015 only.

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4. Hansen/Welch

AP supports status quo for GB closures in terms of transit rules (transiting allowed for NL extension and no transiting allowed for CA2 south) and prohibit transit for all vessels in ETA closure if adopted.

Vote: 8:3:3, motion passes

By consensus:

The AP wishes to convey to the Committee that the AP is concerned that the model is potentially not picking up the expected benefit of the ETA closure alternative, based on projections brought to the meeting (Document 4a).

5. Bailey/Welch

Recommend the Committee include Option 4 in FW26: allocate a poundage equivalent to the proportion of catch from access areas overall.

Vote: 13:0:1, carries

6. Lybarger/Larson

AP supports PDT recommendation for default measures: default measures for FT LA vessels to be a minimum of 20 DAS.

Vote: 14:0:0, unanimous

7. Gutowski/Maxwell

AP does not support seasonal closures of MA access areas to increase overall scallop yield in FW26.

Vote: 14:0:0, carries

8. Hatch/Maxwell

Recommend the Committee include in FW26 an alternative that would allow any LA vessel from VA or NC on an open area trip to clock out at VMS demarcation line south of Cape May (same place vessels clock in, i.e. Delaware Bay). Same requirements would apply as described in VMS corridor alternative (a-e).

Vote: 14:0:0, carries

Other Business

9. Welch/Quinn

Recommend the Committee request the Council consider alternative rulemaking strategies to get specifications in the scallop fishery in place before the start of the fishing year (March 1).

Vote: 14:0:0, unanimous