

Scallop Committee
Meeting motions
1/18/2019
Boston, MA

Amendment 21:

Motion #1: Stockwell/Patterson

The Scallop Committee recommends that the A21 scoping document include the following NGOM issues:

1. The current approach to managing the NGOM is working at the current level of biomass in the management area (measures developed in FW29, FW30).
2. Recommend that the ability to move between the LAGC permit categories is addressed in this action.
3. Consider how LAGC IFQ quota is used in the NGOM management area.
4. Alternatives for managing the NGOM at different levels of exploitable biomass.

Rationale: Update the A21 scoping document for the January Council meeting by adding the above issues.

Motion to Amend #1a: Reid/Stockwell

The Scallop Committee recommends that the A21 scoping document include for NGOM issues:

1. The current approach to managing the NGOM is working at the current level of biomass in the management area (measures developed in FW29, FW30).
2. Recommend that the ability to move between the LAGC permit categories is addressed in this action.
3. Consider how LAGC IFQ quota is used in the NGOM management area.
4. Alternatives for managing the NGOM at different levels of exploitable biomass.
5. Consider changing the boundary of the NGOM management area.

The motion to amend carried on a show of hands: (11/0/0)

The main motion as amended (#1a) carried on a show of hands: (10/0/0)

Motion #2: Hughes/Reid

The Committee recommends that Amendment 21 consider allowing Limit Access vessels with IFQ to transfer their IFQ to only LAGC IFQ vessels (e.g. not other LA vessels).

Rationale: These Limited Access vessels have 0.5% of the IFQ quota. This would allow the transfer of quota to smaller vessels, and enable additional access to quota for LAGC IFQ vessels.

The motion carried on a show of hands: (11/0/0)

*Framework 30/2019 Shutdown***Motion #3: Patterson/Aarrestad**

The Committee recommends that the Council send letters to NOAA Fisheries and the U.S Coast Guard requesting that the agencies expedite and prioritize issuing prior to the 2019 fishing year:

- Vessel documentation from USCG
- Vessel Permits from GARFO
- Exempted Fishing Permits and Letters of authorization from GARFO
- LAGC IFQ quota transfers from GARFO
- 2020/2021 RSA awards from NEFSC

The motion carried on a show of hands: (11/0/0)

*Mitigate impacts on Georges Bank Yellowtail Flounder***Motion #4: Hughes/Patterson**

The Committee tasks the PDT with analyzing the options for reducing bycatch of Georges Bank Yellowtail Flounder. This should include evaluating:

- Seasonal closures
- Analyze hanging ratios down to 1.5:1

Rationale: Given the poor status of Georges Bank yellowtail founder, there is a need to continue to find ways to reduce bycatch to mitigate impacts on the stock.

The motion carried on a show of hands: (11/0/0)

2019 – 2023 Research Priorities

Motion #5: Hughes/Reid

The Committee supports the PDT's recommended changes to the Council's 2019-2023 research priority list in Doc.5, pages 1 and 2. Committee also recommends that the following items be added to the Council's 2019-2023 research priority list.

1. Research and development of fishery dependent data collection systems that support scallop management.
2. Impact of offshore wind development on scallop production. This could include but is not limited to: impacts on larval settlement, scallop growth and reproduction, fishing opportunities, etc.

The motion carried on a show of hands. (10/0/0)

The meeting adjourned at 12:47pm. The Committee did not break for lunch.