

Scallop Joint PDT / AP Meeting Motions

September 9, 2026

AP Motion #1 (White/Brighton).

Recommend that the Committee task the PDT with analysis of a SAMS run with no access area trips for FY 2027.

Rationale: scallops there last year and still here this year, growing healthy, bigger scallops produce more spat, scallops will continue to move around.

Scallop AP			
	Yes	No	Abstain
James Gutowski, Chair			
Cassie Larsen, Vice Chair		x	
Wesley Brighton	x		
Jay Elsner	x		
Brent Fulcher		x	
Kyle Grant	x		
Peter Hughes - absent			
Bob Keese	x		
Brady Lybarger	x		
Michael Marchetti	x		
Ben Martens	x		
Chris Merl - absent			
Ed Mullis		x	
Daniel "Alex" Todd	x		
Walter White	x		
TOTAL	9	3	0

Motion passes 9/3/0

AP Motion #2 (Fulcher/Elsner).

Recommend that the Committee task the PDT with analysis of a SAMS run with:

1 trip to a combined Nantucket Lightship North and South area Harvest of a trip ranging from 9,000 to 15,000 pounds. The Nantucket Lightship Extension area would remain closed. Delayed opening July 1, 2027.

Rational

- *Allows AA for LAGC Fishing*
- *Allows for Extension to be closed so we can evaluate closure*

Scallop AP			
	Yes	No	Abstain
James Gutowski, Chair			
Cassie Larsen, Vice Chair	x		
Wesley Brighton	x		
Jay Elsner	x		
Brent Fulcher	x		
Kyle Grant	x		
Peter Hughes - absent			
Bob Keese	x		
Brady Lybarger	x		
Michael Marchetti	x		
Ben Martens	x		
Chris Merl - absent			
Ed Mullis			x
Daniel "Alex" Todd	x		
Walter White		x	
TOTAL			

Motion passes 10/1/1

AP Consensus Statement

Recommend that the Committee task the PDT with analysis of a SAMS runs:

24-36 DAS

Rationale: without projection data available, based on surveys, anticipate total biomass is similar to current value. This would include the PDT recommendation of 24 DAS.

AP Consensus Statement

Recommend that the Committee task the PDT with analysis of a NGOM set-aside for Fishing Year 2027 using $F=0.15$ and $F=0.25$ applied to all available biomass in the Northern Gulf of Maine (NGOM).

Rationale: historic range from prior five years, sufficient range for analysis

AP Consensus Statement

The AP approves the Scallop Work Plan for 2027-2029.

The AP also recommends that work to develop management measures to limit time in access areas be prioritized by 2028, reflecting a high management priority. This priority would address Scallop Strategic Plan Objectives 4 and 5.

Rationale: Supportive of the high priority work items included in the Work Plan but want to ensure that this new tool is available when needed.

Scallop CTE Meeting Motions

September 10, 2026

CTE Motion #1 (Hansen / Platz).

Task the PDT with analysis of a SAMS run with:

1 trip to a combined Nantucket Lightship North and South area with harvest of a trip ranging from 9,000 to 15,000 pounds. The Nantucket Lightship Extension area (using 69.10 W boundary) would remain closed. Delayed opening June 1, 2027.

Rationale:

- *Same as AP Motion #2: Allows AA for LAGC Fishing and Allows for Extension to be closed so we can evaluate closure*
- *Changing to June 1st would allow access when scallops have the best yield and would avoid safety concerns with hurricane season with a July 1st opening*

Motion carried unanimously by consent

CTE Motion #2 (Hansen / Platz).

Recommend that the Committee task the PDT with analysis of a SAMS runs:

20-40 DAS

Rationale: without projection data available, the broader range would account for uncertainty in data available now. This would include the PDT recommendation of 24 DAS.

Motion carried unanimously by consent

CTE Motion #3 (Brawn / Platz).

Task the PDT with analysis of a SAMS run with no access area trips for FY 2027.

Rationale: increasing returns, broad range of options should include no access area trips, well supported by the Scallop AP.

Motion carried unanimously by consent

CTE Motion #4 (M. Smith / Brawn).

Task the PDT with analysis of a NGOM set-aside for Fishing Year 2027 using $F=0.15$ to $F=0.25$ applied to all available biomass in the Northern Gulf of Maine.

Rationale: same as Scallop AP motion; consistent with other management, broader range, helps evaluate individual components of management areas for exploitable biomass.

Motion carried unanimously by consent

CTE Motion #5 (Platz/M. Smith)

Move that the Committee recommend that the Council discontinue development of measures in Framework 42 to support regional management of Limited Access Days-at-Sea, while continuing development of Northern Gulf of Maine sub-management areas.

Rationale:

CTE Motion #5 to Table (Brawn/M. Smith)

Move that the Committee recommend that the Council discontinue development of measures in Framework 42 to support regional management of Limited Access Days-at-Sea, while continuing development of Northern Gulf of Maine sub-management areas.

Rationale: Differing opinions around the Committee that would benefit from additional time and consultation with NOAA partners.

Motion carried 6-0-0

CTE Consensus Statement

Approve the 3-Year Scallop Work Plan (2027-2029).

CTE Motion #6 (Platz/Hansen)

The Committee moves to include the following as part of the 2027 work plan: the ability to limit DAS fishing time in closed areas as a time limiting access area management tool as expeditiously as possible.

Rationale: important tool to address high-grading and loss of resource in closed areas, need as soon as possible with industry input

CTE Motion #6 to Table (Brawn/Platz)

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Rationale: important tool to address high-grading and loss of resource in closed areas, need as soon as possible with industry input

Motion carried unanimously by consent