

4. Scallops – (January 31 – Feb 2, 2012) - M
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New England Fishery Management Council

Scallop Committee Motions – January 19, 2011

Hotel Providence – Providence, RI

Summary of motions in terms of action needed at this meeting

Motions 2, 3, and 6 are specific direction to the PDT related to development of the range of alternatives already in FW24 – no Council action needed.

Motion 4 is related to additional issues the Committee recommends the Council consider including in FW24 – action needed if Council agrees

Motion 1 could be done administratively; if not, Council may want to consider including in FW24

Motion 5 is not related to FW24 – action may be needed at this meeting if Council agrees

Motion 7 is not related to FW24 – action may be needed at this meeting if Council agrees

1. Preble/Avila

Committee requests the Agency REQUIRE than an observer provide a copy of raw data to the Captain before leaving the vessel.

(Not clear if this has to be added to Framework or just done administratively and change observer protocols)

Vote: 7:0:2, motion passes

2. Pierce/Preble

Establish a sub-ACL of YT flounder for vessels in the LAGC trawl fishery with possible AMs being either: 1) no continued use of trawl gear, or 2) areas in which trawl gear would be prohibited.

Vote: 5:1:2, carries

(Intent is that this AM would only be implemented if the total YT ACL was exceeded, as proposed in the FW47. If a sub-ACL of the scallop sub-ACL is not feasible these AMs would apply if the scallop ACL exceeded and AM triggered. Timing of AM would be after the same as AM for the LA fishery. This motion does not preclude the PDT from developing other measures).

3. Preble/Dempsey

Develop an alternative to prohibit all LAGC IFQ vessels from targeting scallops with trawl gear.

Vote: 5:0:3, carries

4. Dempsey/Avila

Recommend that the Council consider including the following topics in FW24. First, YT AMs should trigger in Year 2 following an overage compared to the subsequent year. Second, the observer set-aside program be expanded to cover LAGC vessels in open areas.

Vote: 8:0:1, carries

5. Dempsey/Ramsden

Committee recommends that the Council request that NMFS implement an emergency action for FY2012 to convert Delmarva access area trips into either open area DAS to be used in FY2012 or into Hudson Canyon access area trips in FY2012.

Vote: 7:0:2, carries

6. Robins/Preble

Identify and include contingency mechanisms in FW24 for the management of access areas in the event that biomass in access areas falls below specified thresholds.

Vote: 7:0:1, carries

7. Peirce/Preble

Recommend that the Council request NEFSC: 1) explain how it intends to integrate Habcam results into overall biomass estimates; 2) detail scientific/technical obstacles for successful integration of Habcam results; 3) provide a timeline for expected integration of those results; and 4) describe its intentions for continued use of other surveys for biomass estimates.

Vote: 7:0:2, carries