MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 21, 2022
TO: Scallop Advisory Panel and Scallop Committee
FROM: Melanie Griffin, Scallop Committee Chair
SUBJECT: Purpose for Scallop AP and Committee meetings on January 26 & January 28, 2022

The Council will be holding the Scallop Advisory Panel and Committee meetings by webinar on January 26 (AP) and January 28 (Committee). Documents for this meeting will be posted to a Sharefile site and then the Council’s website as they become available. You will receive a link to access files ahead of the meeting.

Purpose: The main objectives of the meetings are to:

1) Receive updates on the status of Amendment 21, Framework 34, the Evaluation of Rotational Management project, and other 2022 work priorities.
2) Provide feedback on the scoping process for a Limited Access days-at-sea (DAS) and access area leasing program to assess: 1) the need for a leasing program, and 2) what a leasing program should consider.
3) Discuss other business.

Webinar: In order to participate in the meetings, you will need to register for the webinar. Please register before the meeting begins. You can use the following links to register.
   AP webinar: https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5215827395962115339
   Committee webinar: https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5780878516104199952

If you do not register for the meeting you will not be able to participate in the meeting. The Council has developed an instruction guide for GoToWebinar remote participation. It can be found at this link.

1. Participating in the meeting: To participate, you MUST register for the meeting. If you do not register, staff will not be able unmute you.

   The public, AP, and Committee members will be able to participate in the webinar. Council staff will be working closely with the Chair to accommodate remote participation during the meeting. Staff will review how individuals can participate during the meeting. As with in-person meetings, questions about presentations will be entertained before taking comments. The AP and Committee will have the first opportunity to weigh-in, followed by the public. Individuals interested in speaking should raise their hand on the webinar.
2. **Motions via Webinar:** AP and Committee members may make motions.
   a. **Making Motions:** The preferred approach is for AP and Committee members to e-mail motions to Jonathon Peros (jperos@nefmc.org) and Sam Asci (sasci@nefmc.org) on Council staff, and cc the AP or Committee Chair.
   b. **Seconding Motions:** AP and Committee: You can raise your hand in the webinar to second the motion. Council staff will confirm this by voice over the webinar so it is clear who the maker and seconder of each motion are.
   c. **Discussion on each Motion:** The AP and Committee will have an opportunity to discuss each motion, followed by an opportunity for the public to comment. Please raise your hand on the webinar if you would like to speak to a motion. The Chair will call on individuals who would like to address the motion. After the AP/Committee have a chance to discuss this motion, the Chair will call on members of the public.
   d. **Voting:** When the Chair is ready to call the vote, Council staff will do a roll call vote. Staff will provide the vote count, which will be confirmed by the Committee chair. At the discretion of the Chair, motions can also be approved by unanimous consent in lieu of a roll call vote.

**MEETING MATERIALS**

*All background materials can be accessed at this link.*

If you have any questions about the documents, please contact Jonathon Peros (jperos@nefmc.org; 978-465-0492 ext. 117).

1. **Meeting Information**
   a. Meeting Agenda
   b. Meeting Memo from Committee Chair, Ms. Melanie Griffin
   c. Council Staff Presentation
2. **2022 Scallop Work Priorities**
3. **Draft scoping document for Limited Access leasing**
4. **Evaluation of Rotational Management report (will be updated)**
5. **Correspondence**

Links of interest:
- [Scallop Survey Working Group page](#)
- [Evaluation of Rotational Management RFP](#)

**Framework 34 and Amendment 21**

**Recent Activity:** The Council approved Framework 34 on December 9, 2021. The Council submitted the decision draft on January 3, 2022 and deemed the regulations on January 12, 2022. NMFS is working on the proposed rule, and the target implementation of Framework 34 continues to be April 1, 2022. The Amendment 21 final rule published on January 12, 2022 and will be effective on March 31, 2022.

**Anticipated Outcomes:** No action is required.
Evaluation of Rotational Management

**Recent Activity.** On January 12, 2022, Dr. Cate O’Keefe of Fishery Applications Consulting Team (FACT) provided the Scallop PDT with an updated version of the Evaluation of Rotational Management report. The Scallop PDT reviewed this document at their January 18, 2022 meeting. The PDT is working with FACT on final updates to the document. A final report is expected to be delivered to the Council for the February 2022 Council meeting.

**Anticipated Outcomes:**
No action required at this meeting. Recommendations from the report will be discussed at your next meeting (likely March 2022).

Scoping for Limited Access Leasing

**Recent Activity.** The Council is conducting scoping for a scallop fishery Limited Access days-at-sea (DAS) and access area leasing program to assess: 1) the need for a leasing program, and 2) what a leasing program should consider. In September of 2022, the Council will decide whether to initiate an amendment to the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan (FMP) that may allow the leasing of access area allocations and DAS in the Limited Access component of the fishery. The Council will develop the scoping document in February and March, and is scheduled to approve it at its April 2022 meeting. Scoping meetings would be held in May and June, with the comment period ending in early July.

**Anticipated Outcomes:**
Provide input on the draft scoping document and planned process.

Other Business

**Anticipated Outcomes:** Additional items and issues may be taken up under other business.

Please review all documents before the meeting.
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