



## New England Fishery Management Council

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### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** January 15, 2020  
**TO:** Scallop Advisory Panel and Scallop Committee  
**FROM:** Vincent Balzano, Scallop Committee Chair  
**SUBJECT:** **Purpose for Scallop AP and Committee meetings on January 21 and 22, 2020**

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Council will be holding the upcoming AP and Committee meetings by webinar. Documents for these meetings 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 continue work on Framework 33:

- 1) Review analyses and recommend preferred alternatives in Framework 33.
- 2) Receive an update on 2021 work priorities and consider request to change 2021 priorities.
- 3) Discuss other business.
- 4) Committee only: Consider applications for two vacancies on the Scallop AP.

**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/4846438759558045968>

Committee webinar: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5689812556573938448>

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:** There are multiple ways to submit a motion for discussion:

- i. E-mail the motions to Jonathon Peros ([jperos@nefmc.org](mailto:jperos@nefmc.org)) and Sam Asci ([sasci@nefmc.org](mailto:sasci@nefmc.org)) on Council staff, and cc the AP or Committee Chair (*preferred approach*).
  - ii. When called upon by the Chair, make a motion over the webinar (*be prepared to watch staff type*).
- 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:** A PDF of each document will be posted to [www.nefmc.org](http://www.nefmc.org). If you have any questions about the documents, please contact Jonathon Peros ([jperos@nefmc.org](mailto:jperos@nefmc.org); 978-465-0492 ext. 117).

## **MEETING MATERIALS**

- 1. Meeting Information
  - a. Meeting Agenda
  - b. Meeting Memo from Committee Chair, Mr. Vincent Balzano
  - c. Remote Participation Guide
- 2. Staff presentation
- 3. Framework 33 (draft)
  - a. Framework 33 Decision Document
- 4. Meeting Summaries
  - a. Recent Scallop PDT Meeting Summaries
  - b. Scallop Committee and AP Meetings, December 2020
- 5. 2021 Scallop Work Priorities
  - a. Council Priorities Process
- 6. Correspondence

## **Background Materials:**

- a. [See December Committee meeting materials.](#)
- b. [See November Committee meeting materials.](#)

## Framework 33

**Recent Activity:** The Scallop PDT has met several times to address Committee tasking and develop projections for 2021 and 2022 (default) specifications. Council staff will present information on the range of alternatives under consideration in Framework 33. The AP and Committee will have the opportunity to select preferred alternatives at this meeting. This is the final opportunity for both groups to weigh in on FW33 development before the Council takes [final action on January 27, 2021](#). Council staff recommends that the AP and Committee work through Framework 33 decisions in the order specified in Anticipated Outcomes (below). This list is intended to help guide discussion and does not preclude either group from developing additional recommendations

### **Anticipated Outcomes: Develop recommendations for measures to include in FW33:**

- Select the *preferred alternative* for overfishing limit and acceptable biological catch (Section 4.1).
- Select *preferred alternatives* for Northern Gulf of Maine total allowable catch in FY 2021 and FY 2022 (Section 4.2). Separate choices for FY2021 and FY2022.
- Select the *preferred alternative* for fishery specifications, including access area and DAS allocations (Section 4.3).
- Select the *preferred alternative* for LAGC IFQ access area trip allocations (Section 4.4).
- Select the *preferred alternative* for where RSA compensation fishing can occur (Section 4.5.1).
- Select the *preferred alternative* for reducing impacts on Georges Bank yellowtail flounder and northern windowpane flounder (Section 4.5.2).

## 2021 Work Priorities

**Recent Activity:** The Council met on October 27, 2020 to make recommendations for 2021 work priorities and address President Trump's Executive Order on Promoting Seafood Competitiveness and Economic Growth. Council staff will provide an overview the current list of priorities. In the short term, staff and the PDT are focused on completing Framework 33 and Amendment 21 (submit to NMFS). Staff will also be involved in the formation of a Scallop Survey Working Group, which was identified by the Council as a 2021 work priority.

On November 3rd, 2020 the Council received correspondence requesting that it reconsider the results of the priorities discussion on October 27, 2020 and add LA scallop leasing listening sessions to the 2021 scallop work priorities. The Council's policy for changing the priority list specifies that requests be considered by the Committee. I have put time on the agenda for us to consider the request from the Harvesters Campaign to change the 2021 work priorities.

## Other Business

**Anticipated Outcomes:** Additional items and issues may be taken up under other business. Following other business, the Scallop Committee will discuss applications for vacancies on the Scallop AP.

Please review all documents before the meeting.

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