

2021 Scallop Priorities Discussion

1/15/2021

Scallop AP and Committee

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- In Progress/Ongoing:
 - Amendment 21
 - Framework 33
 - Scallop Survey Advisory Panel
 - RSA support
 - Tracking flatfish
- Have not started:
 - Framework 34 (initiate in June)
 - IFQ trip counting
 - Implement A21 measures
 - Evaluate rotational management
- Cross-plan items:
 - Northern Edge (Habitat)

Possible Timelines for 2021 Actions

	Amendment 21	Framework 33	Framework 34
January		Final Action	
February	Preliminary Submission	Preliminary Submission	
March		Proposed Rule, NMFS Reviews FW	
April		NMFS Reviews FW, Council Final submission	
May - June	Final Submission	Publish Final Rule, Implementation FW33	Initiate FW- consider implementation of A21 measures
June	Proposed Rule/NOA		
July			
August			Survey Data
September	Decision (determine what measures are needed in FW34)		Run Projection Model
October			Start developing RUNS
November			
December			Final Action

Request to change 2021 priorities

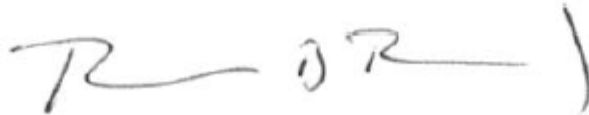
We request the Council reconsider the results of its scallop priorities from the October 27, 2020 webinar at the upcoming December Council meeting and add LA scallop leasing listening sessions to its 2021 schedule to provide the industry with a fair hearing.

As quotas decrease and costs—including insurance—sharply increase, the need for flexibility is greater than ever. The Scallopers Campaign has always been a supporter of the Council process, and has done everything the Council and staff have asked. In fairness to the industry, we believe a reconsideration of the 2021 scallop priorities to add listening sessions is in order. If the Council continues to deny this reasonable request as endorsed by the industry, the Scallop AP, the Scallop Committee, Council Staff, and the Regional Administrator, it would challenge our firm belief that the Council process is the proper avenue to serve the needs of the scallop fishery.

Sincerely,



Jeff Pike



Rick Robins

Council Priorities Policy - Modifications

Modifications

New issues might be identified at any time during the year and may necessitate a change to the Council's planned activities. Any subsequent changes to the approved priorities list must first be discussed by the appropriate Committee – preferably at a meeting, but through correspondence if a meeting is not planned. The Committee will bring the proposed change forward at a subsequent Council meeting, along with a recommendation on whether it should be adopted or not. The Committee should also address how the suggested change will be reconciled with any resource constraints. Adoption of the proposed change requires a 2/3 vote of the members present at a Council meeting. Any mid-year change that is not adopted by the Council will be added to the initial task list during the following year's priority setting process.