



New England Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 20, 2021
TO: Scallop Advisory Panel and Scallop Committee
FROM: Melanie Griffin, Scallop Committee Chair
SUBJECT: **Purpose for Scallop AP and Committee meetings on October 26 & 27, 2021**

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Council will be holding the joint Scallop Advisory Panel and Committee meetings by webinar on October 26 (AP) and October 27, 2021 (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) Review analyses and recommend specification alternatives to be developed in Framework 34.
Note: The AP and Committee are not selecting preferred alternatives at this meeting – the discussion is about what alternatives will be included in the framework.
- 2) Receive updates on the Evaluation of Rotational Management project.
- 3) Recommend 2022 scallop work priorities.
- 4) 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://www.nefmc.org/calendar/oct-26-2021-scallop-advisory-panel-webinar>

Committee webinar: <https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/oct-27-2021-scallop-committee-webinar>

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) and Sam Asci (sasci@nefmc.org) on Council staff, and cc the AP or Committee Chair (*preferred approach*).
- 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).

MEETING MATERIALS

1. Meeting Information
 - a. Meeting Agenda
 - b. Meeting Memo from Committee Chair, Ms. Melanie Griffin
 - c. Presentations
 - i. Council Staff
 - ii. Evaluation of Rotational Management
2. Framework 34:
 - a. Draft Framework 34 Decision Document (*may be updated before mtg*)
 - b. Summary of 2022 Projection Outputs (*will be distributed when available*)
3. Meeting summaries and memos:
 - a. Scallop Committee Meeting Summary, Sept. 22, 2021
 - b. Joint Scallop PDT and Advisory Panel Meeting Summary, Sept. 21, 2021
 - c. Scallop PDT Meeting Summaries: July – October
 - d. Scallop PDT memo to the SSC re: 2022 and 2023 (default) OFLs and ABCs
 - e. Scallop PDT memo to GF PDT re: Georges Bank yellowtail flounder
4. Priorities
 - a. Scallop Work Priorities Discussion Document
 - b. Possible 2022 Scallop Work Priorities, October 8, 2021
5. NMFS Handout on Observer Coverage in the Northern Gulf of Maine
6. Correspondence

Links of interest:

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

Framework 34: Survey Results and Projections

Recent Activity: The Scallop PDT has met several times to discuss survey results and develop projections for 2022 and 2023 (default). The SSC met on October 13, 2021 and recommended OFL and ABC values for the next two fishing years. The PDT has been working to complete Committee tasking from the September 22, 2021 meeting. The PDT plans to present the results of the following runs at your meeting next week, along with open area DAS calculated at F=0.36, and 24 DAS. Projections for the Stellwagen area of the NGOM will also be available at your upcoming meeting.

| | Run 1 | Run 2 | Run 3 | Run 4 | Run 5 | Run 6 |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------|----------------|
| | Status Quo | AP Motion 1; AP Motion 4 | AP Motion 2 Run 1; AP Motion 3, 5, 6 | AP Motion 2 Run 2, Motion 4, Motion 5/6 | AP Motion 2 Run 3, Motion 3 | NO ACTION |
| Open Area F | F=0.3 | F=0.3 | F=0.3 | F=0.3 | F=0.3 | 18 DAS |
| FT LA Trip Limit | 18,000 lbs | 18,000 lbs | 18,000 lbs | 15,000 lbs | 15,000 lbs | 18,000 |
| Trips trading | 9,000 lbs | 9,000 lbs | 9,000 lbs | 15,000 lbs | 15,000 lbs | n/a |
| CL2-SE | CLOSED | 18000 lbs | CLOSED | CLOSED | CLOSED | CLOSED |
| CLS-SW | 27,000 lbs (1.5 trips) | 18,000 lbs | 27,000 lbs (1.5 trips) | 30,000 lbs (2 trips) | 15,000 lbs | CLOSED |
| CL2-Ext | | | | | 15,000 lbs | CLOSED |
| NLS-South | 18,000 lbs | 18,000 lbs | 18,000 lbs | 15,000 lbs | 15,000 lbs | CLOSED |
| NLS-North | CLOSED | CLOSED | CLOSED | CLOSED | CLOSED | CLOSED |
| NLS-West | Open Bottom | CLOSED | CLOSED | CLOSED | CLOSED | Open Bottom |
| NLS-Triangle | CLOSED | CLOSED | CLOSED | CLOSED | CLOSED | CLOSED |
| CL2-N (HAPC) | CLOSED | CLOSED | CLOSED | CLOSED | CLOSED | CLOSED |
| CA1 | 513k lbs LAGC AA | Open Bottom | LAGC IFQ AA from CAII | Open Bottom | LAGC IFQ AA from CAII | CLOSED |
| NYB | Open Bottom | Open Bottom | NEW CLOSURE | NEW CLOSURE | Open Bottom | Open Bottom |
| NF, GSC, SF, BI, LI, MAB Nearshore, DMV | Open Bottom | Open Bottom | Open Bottom | Open Bottom | Open Bottom | Open Bottom |
| MAAA | 18,000 | Open Bottom | Open Bottom | Open Bottom | Open Bottom | 18,000 |
| West of NLS-W (Non-SAMS and not surveyed) | | | NEW CLOSURE | NEW CLOSURE | n/a | |

Anticipated Outcomes: Develop recommendations for measures to include in FW34

1. Motions for alternatives to be included in FW34 that identify:
 - o Full time limited access area trip limits
 - o Access area allocations for 2022 (number of trips in each area)
 - o Target open area F rate, full time LA DAS
2. Provide recommendations on possible new closures (ex: NYB and yield closures).
3. Provide recommendations for possible 2023 (default) measures – specifically whether an access area trip should be allocated as part of default measures.
4. Provide recommendations on part-time limited access allocations.
5. Provide recommendations on the distribution of LAGC IFQ access area trips for FY 2022.
6. Provide recommendations on default measures for the NGOM for FY2023.
7. Provide input on where Scallop RSA compensation fishing can occur.
8. Provide input on any measures to reduce fishery impacts(e.g., the timing of seasonal closure on eastern GB).

Evaluation of Rotational Management

Recent Activity. The Scallop PDT, with the assistance of Dr. Cate O’Keefe of Fishery Applications Consulting, have been assembling information to address the goals and objectives of this project.

Next Steps. Dr. Cate O’Keefe will present an overview of project progress at your October meetings. The PDT will deliver a draft report to the Council in December. A final report is expected to be delivered to the Council for the February 2022 Council meeting.

Anticipated Outcomes:

1. Provide feedback, and consider making recommendations for next steps (if necessary).

2022 Scallop Work Priorities

Recent Activity. The Scallop AP and Committee reviewed preliminary lists at their meetings in September. The Council identified a list of potential work priorities for 2021 at its September meeting.

Next Steps. Staff will review progress toward 2021 work priorities, and the list of potential 2022 priorities. The Council will set 2022 work priorities at the December meeting.

Anticipated Outcomes:

1. Develop recommendations for 2022 work priorities. Identify priorities that the AP and Committee would like to see the Council work on in 2022. Ranking is not required.

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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