



New England Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: October 17, 2018
TO: Scallop Committee Meeting
FROM: Vincent Balzano, Scallop Committee Chair
SUBJECT: **Purpose for Scallop Committee meeting on October 24, 2018**

There is a Scallop Committee meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn in Boston, MA on **Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2018 at 9:00 AM.** Please note there is a joint Scallop PDT and AP meeting scheduled on Oct. 23, 2018 at that same location. Paper copies will not be mailed to you before the meeting. Documents for this meeting will be e-mailed to you as they become available.

Purpose: The main goals of the Committee meeting are to:

- 1) Review analyses and recommend specification alternatives to be included in Framework 30.
Note: The Committee is not selecting preferred alternatives at this meeting – this discussion is about what alternatives will be included in the framework for further analysis.
- 2) Review and consider potential measures to reduce fishery impacts.
- 3) Provide input on potential scallop work priorities for 2019.

The Scallop Committee may wish to consider AP and PDT input provided at the October 23, 2018 joint meeting. The AP and Committee will meet again on Nov. 27 and 28 to review progress on this Framework and to make final recommendations to the Council. The full Council is scheduled to take final action on Framework 30 at the December Council meeting in Newport, RI.

Meeting Materials: Paper copies of the documents listed below will be provided at the meeting. A PDF of each document will be posted to www.nefmc.org. Staff will provide copies of any additional meeting materials that are not included in this package. If you have any questions about the documents, please contact Jonathon Peros (jperos@nefmc.org; 978-465-0492 ext. 117).

Documents:

1. Meeting Agenda
2. Meeting Memo from Committee Chair, Mr. Vincent Balzano
3. Framework 30 Documents:
 - a. Framework 30 Decision Document (*may be updated before mtg*)
 - b. Draft Framework 30 (*may be updated before mtg*)
 - c. Scallop Price Model
 - d. 2018 Fishery Performance
 - e. Measures to reduce fishery impacts
4. Scallop Committee Meeting Summary, Sept. 14, 2018
5. Scallop Advisory Panel Meeting Summary, Sept. 13, 2018

6. Scallop PDT Meeting Summaries: July – October
7. Scallop PDT memo to the SSC re: 2019 and 2020 (default) OFLs and ABCs
8. Priorities: 2018 work items and potential 2019 work priorities for the Scallop FMP
9. Correspondence

Additional materials may be added and presentations will be shared as they become available.

2018 Scallop Survey Results and Specification Alternatives in FW30

Recent Activity: The Scallop PDT has met in person and by conference call several times to review updated 2018 scallop survey results and projections for 2019. The PDT discussed 2019 and 2020 (default) OFL and ABC recommendations to the SSC on October 3, 2018 by conference call. The SSC met on October 10, 2018 to discuss the OFL/ABC recommendations. The Scallop Committee tasked the PDT to develop specifications alternatives at its September 14, 2018 meeting (Doc. 2), and the Council tasked the PDT with evaluating a specifications scenario on September 25, 2018. A list of anticipated allocation runs is shown in Table 1.

Table 1 - 2019 SAMS run tasking from Committee and Council.

Area	Default Measures	Status Quo	CTE 1	CTE 2	CTE 3	Council 1	PDT 1
Open area F	18 DAS	F=0.295	F=0.295	F=0.35	F=0.4	F=0.3	F=0.25
FT LA trip limit	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	15,000	15,000
CAI	Closed	1 trip + carryover	1 trip	1 trip	1 trip	1 trip	1 trip
CAII	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	1 trip	Closed
NLS-N	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
NLS-S	Closed	1 trip	Closed	NLS SW - 3 trips	Closed	Closed	Closed
NLS-W	Closed	2 trips	3 trips		2 trips	3 trips	3 trips
MAAA	1 trip	2 trips	2 trips	2 trips	2 trips	2 trips	3 trips
Total FT trips	1	6	6	6	5	7	7
Total AA lbs per FT vessel	18k	108k	108k	108k	90k	105k	105k

1. No proposed changes to SAMS boundary areas (Same as FW29).
 - a. MAAA (Mid-Atlantic Access Area) would continue to be Hudson Canyon, Elephant Trunk Open, and Elephant Trunk Flex.
 - b. CAI (Closed Area I) would continue to be the CAI-Acc and CAI-N, the same configuration as the access area in FW29.
2. No proposed changes to open area (open bottom). Same configuration as FW29 open bottom.
3. CTE 2: The NLS-SW access area boundary would include all of the NLS-S (both shallow and deep) and all of the NLS-W.

Next Steps: Council and NEFSC staff will present information on potential specification alternatives to be considered in Framework 30. The Scallop Committee should be prepared to recommend specification alternatives for inclusion and further development in Framework 30. The AP and Committee will have the opportunity to select preferred alternatives at their meetings on Nov. 27 and 28, 2018. The Council will take final action on Framework 30 at its meeting in Newport, RI in early December.

Anticipated Outcomes:

1. Provide recommendations to the Committee for specifications alternatives for 2019 to be included in FW30. The Advisory Panel may wish to make motions for alternatives that identify:
 - a. Full time limited access trip limits

- b. Access area allocations for 2019 (number of trips in each area)
 - c. Target open area F rate
2. Provide recommendations for 2020 (default) measures – specifically whether an access area trip should be allocated as part of default measures.
3. Provide recommendations to the Committee for fishing mortality rates (F) associated with NGOM TAC alternatives for 2019 and 2020 (default) to be included in FW30.

Measures to reduce fishery impacts

Recent Activity. The Scallop PDT has developed recommendations to reduce fishery impacts in 2019 for the AP and Committee to consider.

Next Steps. Council staff will update the group on PDT recommendations. The AP may wish to provide guidance to the Committee on whether or not to include measures in FW30 to reduce fishery impacts.

Anticipated Outcomes:

4. Provide input to on potential alternatives in FW30 to reduce fishery impacts. These may include:
 - 1) where Scallop RSA compensation fishing can occur,
 - 2) proposed seasonal closure of the CAII-extension area to protect yellowtail flounder.

2019 Scallop Work Priorities

Recent Activity. The Scallop PDT discussed 2019 work priorities at their August meeting, and the AP and Committee reviewed preliminary lists at their meetings in September. The Council identified a list of potential work priorities for 2019 at its September meeting.

Next Steps. Staff will review progress toward work priorities for 2018, and the list of potential 2019 priorities. The Council will be setting 2019 work priorities at the December meeting.

Anticipated Outcomes:

5. Make recommendations on the current list of potential 2019 work priorities (on or off the list), and rank issues (if possible).

Please review all documents before the meeting.

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