



## New England Fishery Management Council

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### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** November 20, 2018  
**TO:** Scallop Committee and Advisory Panel  
**FROM:** Vincent Balzano, Scallop Committee Chair  
**SUBJECT:** **Purpose for Scallop Committee meetings on November 27 & 28, 2018**

There is a Scallop AP meeting at the Hilton in Providence, RI on Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2018 at 9:00 AM. The Scallop Committee will convene on Wednesday Nov. 28, 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 AP and Committee meeting are to:

- 1) Review Framework 30 alternatives and analyses.
- 2) Review PDT progress on tasking from the October Committee meeting.
- 3) Identify final preferred alternatives recommendations for Framework 30.
- 4) Other Business.

The AP and Committee will NOT meet again before the Council takes final action on Framework 30. The full Council is scheduled to take final action on Framework 30 at the December Council meeting in Newport, RI. The Scallop Report will be in the afternoon on December 5, 2018.

**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](http://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](mailto:jperos@nefmc.org); 978-465-0492 ext. 117).

#### Documents:

1. Meeting Agenda
  - a. Staff presentation (*to be provided*)
2. Meeting Memo from Committee Chair, Mr. Vincent Balzano
3. Scallop Framework 30 (draft)
  - a. Framework 30 Decision Document
  - b. Framework 30 Action Plan
  - c. Draft Economic impact analyses
4. Memo from Scallop PDT to SSC re: OFL and ABC values for FY 2019 and FY 2020
5. Recent Meeting Summaries:
  - a. Scallop PDT meeting summaries (Sept. 28, 2018 through November 16, 2018)
  - b. October 23, 2018 Joint Scallop AP/PDT meeting summary
  - c. October 24, 2018 Scallop Committee meeting summary

6. Scallop PDT memo to Groundfish PDT re Scallop fishery bycatch projections for FY2019
7. Correspondence

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

### **Framework 30 Specifications and Management Measures**

**Recent Activity:** The Scallop PDT has met in person and by webinar several times since the October AP and Committee meetings review to: 1) SAMS model results from Committee tasking; 2) bycatch projections for FY 2019; 3) NGOM TAC estimates for 2019/2020; 4) other issues relevant to this action. The PDT has developed several recommendations for the AP and Committee to consider.

**Next Steps:** Council staff will present information on the range of alternatives under consideration in Framework 30. 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 FW30 development before the Council takes final action on December 5, 2018 in Newport, RI. Council staff recommends that the AP and Committee work through Framework 30 decisions in the order specified in Anticipated Outcomes. This list is intended to help guide discussion, and does not preclude either group from developing additional recommendations.

#### **Anticipated Outcomes: *Please Review Document 3a – FW30 Decision Document***

1. Select *preferred alternative* for FY 2019 and FY 2020 OFL and ABC (Section 4.1)
2. Select *preferred alternatives* for Northern Gulf of Maine Management Measures (Section 4.2)
3. Select a *preferred specifications alternative* for FY 2019 and FY 2020 specifications.
4. Select a *preferred alternative* for allocating LAGC IFQ access area trips.
5. Select a *preferred alternative* for additional measures to reduce fishery impacts.
6. Select *preferred alternative(s)* for standard default measures (may select multiple preferred alternatives).
  - a. Select a *preferred alternative* for default year specifications.
  - b. Select a *preferred alternative* for setting default LAGC IFQ access area allocations.

### **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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