

2017 Priorities for Scallop FMP

Table 1 – 2017 Scallop Priorities

1	Specifications (Reg. req.)
2	Modify AA to be consistent with OHA2
3	NGOM Management Measure Changes
4	Modify flatfish accountability measures
5	Gear modifications to protect small scallops
6	Complete LAGC IFQ Review (from 2016, final report in April)
7	Integrate findings from Sea Scallop Survey Methods Peer Review
8	STAFF: Support Annual Scallop RSA Process
9	STAFF: Annual responsibilities related to estimating scallop and flatfish catch during the year.
10	OTHER: Programmatic RSA review (Scallops, Herring, Monkfish)

Notes:

- The work items outlined in Table 1 are not in rank order. However, specifications and the development of an accountability measure for northern windowpane are regulatory requirements and will need to be developed for the start of FY 2018.
- Completion of the LAGC IFQ five year review is a holdover from the 2016 process, and will be a top priority for Council staff this spring.
- The programmatic RSA review has been discussed at the Council's Executive Committee, and is likely to be a joint effort between the Council, NEFSC, and GARFO.
- Assessment updates are planned for all groundfish stocks this year. This will update the sub-ACLs for the four allocated stocks, and add to the scallop PDT workload in the fall with respect to projections for several flatfish stocks.

Table 2 - Draft timeline of scallop work in 2017

2017 Outlook													
	Item:	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
From 2016	Finish FW28	Submit EA, finalize FW											
From 2016	LAGC IFQ 5-year Review						Final Report						
Ongoing	RSA Process					RSA share Day	RSA Priorities					Mgmt and Tech Reviews	
Reg. Req.	Specifications						Initiate Action		Review Surveys	Develop Alternatives			Final Action
Reg. Req.	N. WND Ams			Develop AM measures for Northern Windowpane AM (and revisit other flatfish Ams? Not reg. req.)									
2017 Work	OHA2/modify AAs			Awaiting Proposed rule - 90 days to Final Rule, CAI measures in									
2017 Work	Survey follow-up			Likely window when the PDT will have time to make substantial progress on management measures during the year.									
2017 Work	NGOM mgmt												
2017 Work	Flatfish AMs - (see reg req as well)												
2017 Work	Gear modifications to protect small scallops												

Table 3 – Current monthly outlook for work on Scallop FMP and 2017 priorities.

2017	FW Specs Action and Mgmt Measures	RSA Priorities	5 Year IFQ Review
APR 18	NEFMC – receives information on 2017 work priorities		
MAY	PDT work on 2017 priorities	Joint PDT/AP (RSA Share Day)	
JUN	Committee / PDT develop alternatives	Develop Recommendations	
JUN 20-22	NEFMC – Council initiates action	Council Recommends 2018/2019 RSA Priorities	Final Report
JUL-SEP	Committee / PDT develop alternatives	Letter to NMFS	
SEP 26-28	NEFMC – receives information on the development of specifications		
OCT 18	SSC recommends ABC for FY17 and FY18		
OCT-NOV	Committee and PDT complete documents		
DEC 5-7	NEFMC – Council takes final action		
DEC-JAN	Council staff submits decision draft completes pre-submission		
2018			
JAN	NFMS publishes proposed rule		
JAN	EA reviewed by NMFS		
FEB	Staff completes final submission for NMFS review and approval		
FEB	NMFS publishes final rule		
APR 1	Target Implementation		