

## Potential 2018 Work Priorities, EOs, and Research

**Scallop AP and Committee:** We will be having our first discussion on potential 2018 scallop work priorities on September 19 & 20, 2017. You will have another opportunity to discuss this priorities on October 25 & 26, 2017. The Council will make recommendations for 2018 priorities in December.

**The Council has received substantial correspondence on 2018 priorities. Please review this tab in preparation for the discussion.**

Also, NOAA is also seeking input on any regulations in the Scallop FMP that could be eliminated, improved, or streamlined. Several recent Executive Orders have been issued about streamlining current regulations, and NOAA is seeking public input on the efficiency and effectiveness of current regulations and whether they can be improved. See staff presentation for additional details.

<b>DRAFT List of Potential Priorities for 2018</b>	<b>Details</b>
Specifications	Set fishery specifications for FY2019/2020
Amendment - NGOM management	See Council motion from April, 2017.
Amendment to create harvester associations	See Correspondence.
Gear modifications to protect small scallops	Carryover priority – extended links
OHA2 follow-up: modify access areas	Awaiting final rule – revisit current configuration of rotational management. Adjust boundaries to facilitate access to scallops that are in areas that may open.
Measures to address DAS and IFQ carryover	Current carryover values for LAGC IFQ is 15% of quota, LA can carry up to 10 DAS.
Specify allocation review triggers (NMFS allocation review policy)	NMFS guidance that the Council should consider what would trigger an allocation review (ex: set number of years).
Adjustments to scallop IFM observer program	
RSA program review and modifications	2017 Council Priority – Joint effort underway by Council, Science Center, Regional Office
Monitoring and catch accounting provisions	Discussion following LAGC IFQ program review re: monitoring of all scallop permit categories
ONGOING: Scallop RSA program support, in-season bycatch tracking	
Scallop benchmark assessment in 2018	Work to begin this fall, benchmark meeting in Spring of 2018