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DRAFT and Incomplete MEETING SUMMARY
Scallop PDT

Mariners House, Boston, MA
September 25, 2017

The Scallop PDT met at the Mariners House in Boston, MA on September 25, 2017 to: (1) Review progress on Framework 29 alternatives and analyses and prepare for SSC meeting on October 12, 2017, (2) FY2016 fishery data on state waters and incidental landings, (3) Review progress on other FW29 management measures, including flatfish accountability measure, and Northern Gulf of Maine management measures, and (4) discuss other business.

MEETING ATTENDANCE: Jonathon Peros (PDT Chair), Dr. David Rudders, Dr. Dvora Hart (via webinar), Dr. Demet Haksever, Danielle Palmer, Dr. Cate O'Keefe, Tim Cardiasmenos, Chad Keith, Kevin Kelly, Carl Wilson, Dr. David Bethoney, Travis Ford, Benjamin Galuardi, and Sam Asci. Mark Alexander, Chair of the Scallop Committee was present on the call. There were approximately 5 members of public listening in on the call.

KEY OUTCOMES:

- The PDT reviewed preliminary OFL and ABC estimates for FY 2018 and FY 2019 (default).
- The PDT recommended updating the state waters catch estimate in the ACL flowchart.
- The PDT reviewed estimates of scallop biomass in the NGOM for areas that were not surveyed in 2017.
    - The PDT expects that all fishing in the NGOM in 2018 will take place in the high density areas on Stellwagen Bank.
    - Given where fishing is expected to take place, the PDT recommends that the 2018 NGOM TAC be based on exploitable biomass on Stellwagen Bank.
- The PDT began developing options for prosecuting the LA share of a potential 2018 NOGM TAC. These included a days-at-sea exchange program, and using these pounds as part of the available 2018 RSA compensation lbs.
- The PDT began developing options for flatfish accountability measures.