

Meeting Motions

Joint Scallop Plan Development Team and Advisory Panel Meeting

October 13, 2016

Hilton Garden Inn, Boston, MA

Motion #1: Larson/

The Scallop AP recommends that the Scallop Committee task the PDT to analyze a run that consider 2 trips in the MAAA (no ET Closure – i.e it would be open). The area would close from July 1 – October 31.

The motion was withdrawn.

Motion #2: Maxwell/Larson

The Scallop AP recommends that the Scallop Committee task the PDT to analyze a run that consider 2 trips in the MAAA, with the flexibility to take both trips in the MAAA. 1 trip would be allocated in the current ET closed area. 1 trip would be allocated in the MAAA (“Megatron”). The ET closed area would close from July 1 – September 30. The Megatron would not have a seasonal closure.

Rationale: This would add flexibility to allow fishing in both the MAAA and the ET closed area to reduce mortality on small scallops by distributing effort. Only 1 fishing trip (1 VMS declaration in FY2017) would be allowed per vessel into the ET closed area. Pounds not harvested in the ET closed on this one trip would be available for harvest in the MAAA. The preferred trip allocations would be 18,000 lbs. The seasonal closure in the ET closed area during the summer months is intended to address concerns about the mortality of smaller scallops.

The motion carried on a show of hands 10-0-0.

Motion #3: Lybarger/Larson

The Scallop AP recommends that the Scallop Committee task the PDT to analyze a run that consider 1 full trip in NLS as one area.

Rationale: This area would include the NLS-AC-N and the NLS-AC-S areas. This area would NOT include the NLS-Ext area. The NLS-Ext would become open bottom. New information provided by the PDT suggests that there is enough exploitable biomass in these areas to support a full trip in the NLS if the NLS-AC-N and NLS-AC-S are combined.

The motion carried on a show of hands 10-0-0.

By consensus (#4):

The AP recommends that Motion 3, 1 trip in the NLS, replace the Committee recommendation to have 2 trips in the NLS, one in the N one in the S.

Motion #5: Larson/Enoksen

The Scallop AP recommends that the Scallop Committee task the PDT to analyze a run that consider 5 total AA trips at 15,000 lbs. The trips would be: 2 in the MAAA, 1 in the ET closed, 1 in the NLS as a single area, 1 in CA II.

Rationale: Only 1 fishing trip (1 VMS declaration in FY2017) would be allowed per vessel into the ET closed area. Pounds not harvested in the ET closed on this one trip would be available for harvest in the MAAA (up to 3 trips in MAAA).

The motion carried on a show of hands 7-2-1.

Motion #6: Enoksen/Welch

The AP recommends that LAGC IFQ AA lbs from CA II be split between the NLS (1/3) and the MAAA (2/3).

Rationale: This split follows the distribution of other AA trips being considered this year.

The motion carried on a show of hands 6-4-0.

Motion #7: Marchetti/Hatch

That the AP recommends that the Committee recommend a NGOM TAC of 95,000lbs for FY2017.

Rationale: The AP feels that LAGC landings should stay near status quo in the NGOM given the new survey information. There was a 20,000lb landings overage from FY2015 and FY2016. This will come off of the FY2017 TAC, so that this option would result in a 75,000 lb TAC.

The motion carried on a show of hands 9-0-1.

Motion #8: Maxwell/Quinn

The AP recommends that the Committee not task the PDT to develop options in FW28 to reallocate CAI carryover lbs to other AAs or DAS.

Rationale: The biomass in the CA I N HMA area is ready for harvest, and many of the animals are large/older (~6yo), and some vessels traded for trips in this area (that they have not been able to take).

The motion carried on a show of hands 9-0-1.

By Consensus (#9):

The AP recommends that AAs open when the FW is implemented, either April 1st, or if delayed, on the day of implementation.