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CORRESPONDENCE



New England Fishery Management Council

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John F. Quinn, J.D., Ph.D., *Chairman* | Thomas A. Nies, *Executive Director*

December 19, 2018

Mr. Michael Pentony
Regional Administrator
National Marine Fisheries Service
Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office
55 Great Republic Drive
Gloucester, MA 01930

Dear Mike:

Today, my staff electronically sent a decision draft for Framework 30 to the Scallop Fishery Management Plan (FMP) to your staff in the Sustainable Fisheries Divisions at the Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office. The Council has been working with your staff to identify ways to streamline rulemaking so that scallop fishery specifications can be in place closer to the start of the fishing year. Your staff has developed a more expedited process and we hope that the decision draft enclosed with this letter will enable you to complete and publish the proposed rule in a more expedited manner.

The Council took final action on Framework 30 on December 5, 2018. Since that meeting our staff has updated the document to include the information you requested for this expedited review. Specifically, the draft NEPA document the Council used to make final recommendations has been updated to include identification and rationale for the Council preferred alternatives, and an initial regulatory flexibility analysis has been drafted for Executive Order 12866 (Regulatory Impact Review).

In the coming weeks our staff will continue to update the Environmental Assessment for Framework 30 to the Scallop FMP for the pre-submission and formal submission process. The Council website will be updated with these documents as they are available. Please let me know if any questions come up.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Nies
Executive Director



This letter was sent to all
Advisory Panel Members.

New England Fishery Management Council

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December 17, 2018

The New England Fishery Management Council is fortunate to have an active and engaged Scallop Advisory Panel (AP). A hallmark of this group has been strong and consistent attendance at all meetings by its membership.

As we head into 2019, I wanted to take the opportunity to remind you that your attendance at all AP meetings is required and expected. I recognize that running a fishing business is time consuming, and that schedules can be unpredictable. To that end, when you are unable to attend a meeting we ask that AP members provide adequate notification and reason. This gives my staff time to adjust previously made travel arrangements, and determine if there will be a quorum at the next meeting. Per our Council policy (attached), appointments may be re-examined based on poor attendance/lack of adequate notification.

We expect that 2019 will be another busy year for scallop management. I am sure the AP will continue to be a key reason for the success of that fishery.

Sincerely,

Thomas A. Nies
Executive Director

Enclosure

VENTURE FISHING, LLC
F/V CAMERON SCOTT
111 NAT TURNER BLVD
NEWPORT NEWS, VA 23606
757 870-9473

November 7, 2018

Dr. John Quinn, Chairman
New England Fishery Management Council
50 Water Street, Mill 2
Newburyport, Ma. 01950

Re: 2019 Scallop Priorities

Dear Dr. Quinn;

I am writing to you as a limited access permit holder in the scallop fishery. I own and operate F/V Cameron Scott, Official No.596153, Permit No. 330292. The scallop port meetings facilitated by the Consensus Building Institute in 2018 clearly indicate that there is a need to more fully examine the issues in the fishery within the Council process. The Council should host a minimum of 2 facilitated meetings in 2019, one in the Mid-Atlantic and one in New England, to identify a clear problem statement for the Council to consider in a future action.

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Sincerely,

Greg Fulcher

JP 12/10/18
rec'd at Council Meeting 12/5/18

**BHG SCALLOP, LLC
F/V CAPT. JEFF
111 NAT TURNER BLVD
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757 870-9473**

November 7, 2018

**Dr. John Quinn, Chairman
New England Fishery Management Council
50 Water Street, Mill 2
Newburyport, Ma. 01950**

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Dear Dr. Quinn;

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Sincerely,

Greg Fulcher

TRAWLER JONATHAN RYAN CO. LLC
F/V JONATHAN RYAN
P. O. BOX 3321
NEW BERN, NC 28563
252 637-1552

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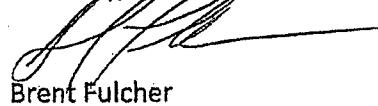
Dear Dr. Quinn;

I am writing to you as a limited access permit holder in the scallop fishery. I own and operate F/V Jonathan Ryan, Official No.617732, Permit No. 330594. The scallop port meetings facilitated by the Consensus Building Institute in 2018 clearly indicate that there is a need to more fully examine the issues in the fishery within the Council process. The Council should host a minimum of 2 facilitated meetings in 2019, one in the Mid-Atlantic and one in New England, to identify a clear problem statement for the Council to consider in a future action.

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Sincerely,



Brent Fulcher

Dr. John Quinn, Chairman
New England Fishery Management Council
50 Water Street, Mill 2
Newburyport, MA 01950

November 20, 2018

Re: 2019 Scallop Priorities

Dear Dr. Quinn,

I am writing to you as an owner of four limited access permits in the scallop fishery. The scallop port meetings facilitated by the Consensus Building Institute in 2018 clearly indicate that there is a need to more fully examine the issues in the fishery within the Council process. The Council should host a minimum of 2 facilitated meetings in 2019, one in the Mid-Atlantic and one in New England, to identify a clear problem statement for the Council to consider in a future action.

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Sincerely,

John A. Lees, Jr.

F/V Pamela Ann
Star, LLC
410456

F/V Madison Kate
Sea Ventures, LLC
410419

F/V Brittany Eryn
Blue Sea Ventures, LLC
410267

F/V Jane Elizabeth
John & Jane, LLC
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F/V REDEMPTION LLC
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118 SPRINGERS MILL ROAD
CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE, NJ 082210
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50 Water Street, Mill 2
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Re: 2019 Scallop Priorities

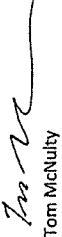
Dear Dr. Quinn;

I am writing to you as a limited access permit holder in the scallop fishery. I own and operate F/V Redemption, Official No. 905904, Permit No. 410571. The scallop port meetings facilitated by the Consensus Building Institute in 2018 clearly indicate that there is a need to more fully examine the issues in the fishery within the Council process. The Council should host a minimum of 2 facilitated meetings in 2019, one in the Mid-Atlantic and one in New England, to identify a clear problem statement for the Council to consider in a future action.

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Sincerely,


Tom McNulty

T & T FISHERIES LLC
F/V NEGOTIATOR
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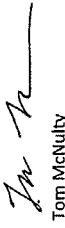
Dear Dr. Quinn;

I am writing to you as a limited access permit holder in the scallop fishery. I own and operate F/V Negotiator, Official No. 1252382, Permit No. 330916. The scallop port meetings facilitated by the Consensus Building Institute in 2018 clearly indicate that there is a need to more fully examine the issues in the fishery within the Council process. The Council should host a minimum of 2 facilitated meetings in 2019, one in the Mid-Atlantic and one in New England, to identify a clear problem statement for the Council to consider in a future action.

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Sincerely,


Tom McNulty

T & S FISHERIES LLC
F/V PRIDE & JOY
118 SPRINGERS MILL ROAD
CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE, NJ 08210
609-425-8883

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New England Fishery Management Council
50 Water Street, Mill 2
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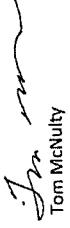
Dear Dr. Quinn;

I am writing to you as a limited access permit holder in the scallop fishery. I own and operate F/V Pride & Joy, Official No. 1189547, Permit No. 321131. The scallop port meetings facilitated by the Consensus Building Institute in 2018 clearly indicate that there is a need to more fully examine the issues in the fishery within the Council process. The Council should host a minimum of 2 facilitated meetings in 2019, one in the Mid-Atlantic and one in New England, to identify a clear problem statement for the Council to consider in a future action.

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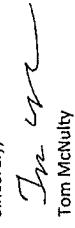
Dear Dr. Quinn;

I am writing to you as a limited access permit holder in the scallop fishery. I own and operate F/V Motivation, Official No. 615907, Permit No. 330396. The scallop port meetings facilitated by the Consensus Building Institute in 2018 clearly indicate that there is a need to more fully examine the issues in the fishery within the Council process. The Council should host a minimum of 2 facilitated meetings in 2019, one in the Mid-Atlantic and one in New England, to identify a clear problem statement for the Council to consider in a future action.

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Sincerely,


Tom McNulty

November 7, 2018

CAPE MAY BAIT, INC
F/V KIM & JR II
JOHNATHAN HOFFMAN RD.
CAPE MAY, NJ 08204
609 327-2953

November 7, 2018

Dr. John Quinn, Chairman
New England Fishery Management Council
50 Water Street, Mill 2
Newburyport, Ma. 01950

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Dear Dr. Quinn;

I am writing to you as a limited access permit holder in the scallop fishery. I own and operate F/V Kim & Jr II, Official No. 582019, Permit No. 320333. The scallop port meetings facilitated by the Consensus Building Institute in 2018 clearly indicate that there is a need to more fully examine the issues in the fishery within the Council process. The Council should host a minimum of 2 facilitated meetings in 2019, one in the Mid-Atlantic and one in New England, to identify a clear problem statement for the Council to consider in a future action.

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Sincerely,

Randy Lauderman

CAPE PACKING, INC
F/V VICTORY
P. O. BOX 497
CAPE MAY, NJ 08204
609 884-3405

November 7, 2018

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New England Fishery Management Council
50 Water Street, Mill 2
Newburyport, Ma. 01950

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Dear Dr. Quinn;

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Sincerely,

Keith N. Lauderman

VAUD J., INC
F/V VAUD J.
P. O. BOX 497
CAPE MAY, NJ 08204
609 884-3405

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New England Fishery Management Council
50 Water Street, Mill 2
Newburyport, Ma. 01950
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Keith N. Laudeman

BLUE BILL FISHERIES, INC
F/V ALEXANDRA L.
P. O. BOX 497
CAPE MAY, NJ 08204
609 884-3405

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50 Water Street, Mill 2
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Keith N. Laudeman

FIVE FATHOMS, INC
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P. O. BOX 497
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609 884-3405

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50 Water Street, Mill 2
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P. O. BOX 497
CAPE MAY, NJ 08204
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New England Fishery Management Council
50 Water Street, Mill 2
Newburyport, Ma. 01950

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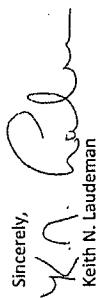
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Keith N. Laudeman



Brown & Brown
INSURANCE

SEATTLE

Seattle, Washington

Newport, Oregon

Dr. John Quinn
New England Fisheries Management Council
50 Water St, Mill 2
Newburyport, MA 01950

11/30/18

RE: 2019 Scallop Priorities

Dear Dr. Quinn,

I write in support of the ECSHA request to prioritize discussions to identify/ address issues in the North Atlantic Scallop Fishery.

With over 40 years of insurance brokerage experience representing the U.S fishing industry I look at the safety of crew as being paramount. Our company has seen a reduction in the number of deaths and serious injuries in each sector that has embraced this approach to resource management.

Sincerely,



Graham Gardner

Executive Director
B&B Marine & Aviation

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Tom Nies, Executive Director
New England Fishery Management Council
50 Water Street, Mill 2
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tnies@nefmc.org

Date: November 1, 2018

Re: 2019 Scallop Priorities

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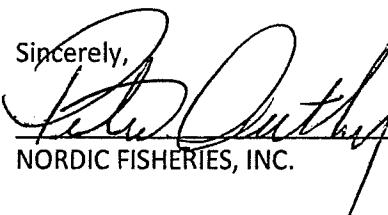
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Fjord	1143400	410550
Frontier	618711	410247
Generation	621756	410268
Horizon	1212014	410601
Maelstrom	617231	410248
Monomoy	1266086	410620
Neskone	1168933	410572
Nordic Pride	911804	410416
Norseman	1248735	410616
Perception	678910	410357
Reflection	621918	410266
Rost	1238922	410614
Tradition	921057	410422
Wisdom	1206423	410599

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Additionally, the Summaries identified some guiding principles that could provide an important starting point to build on, such as: ensure fairness, maintain the diverse culture of the fishery, maintain the existing limitation on ownership in the fishery, ensure limitations on consolidation, be conservation neutral, maintain strong partnerships of industry and scientists, increase safety of boats and crew, increase flexibility of vessel operations, and increase crew moral and quality of life on board.

As an owner, I support the request that the Council prioritize a process to address these concerns in 2019.

Sincerely,

Peter Duthy
NORDIC FISHERIES, INC.

Cc: Dr. John Quinn, Chairman of NEFMC
jquinnfish@gmail.com

Dr. John Quinn, Chair man
New England Fishery Management Council
50 Water Street, Mill 2
Newburyport, MA 01950

11/28/18

Re: 2019 Scallop Priorities

Dear Dr. Quinn:

I am writing to you as a limited access permit holder in the scallop fishery. I own and operate F/V's:

Canyon Express: 410418 919973
Explorer: 410254 618325
Freedom: 330781 1100436
Growler: 338908 1223218
Pacer: 330798 1131546
Kodiak: 410625 1278423
Viking Power: 410347 622864
Ocean Cat: 330147 514627
Ocean Hunter: 410169 600617
Ocean Fox: 330803 1033251
Ocean Lady: 330629 611992
Ocean Leader: 410281 617297
Ocean Prowler: 330269 594025
Ocean Pursuit: 330348 608631
Ocean Scout: 330800 1076413

The scallop port meetings facilitated by the Consensus Building Institute in 2018 clearly indicate that there is a need to more fully examine the issues in the fishery within the Council process. The Council should host a minimum of 2 facilitated meetings in 2019, one in the Mid-Atlantic and one in New England, to identify a clear problem statement for the Council to consider in a future action.

The principals identified to guide and shape management during these port meetings provide an important starting point to build on. Some of these principals include: do no harm, ensure fairness, maintain the diverse culture of the fishery, maintain the existing limitation on ownership in the fishery, ensure limitations on consolidation, be conservation neutral, maintain strong partnerships of industry and scientists, increase safety of boats and crew, increase flexibility of vessel operations, and increase crew moral and quality of life on board.

The Atlantic scallop fishery is one of the most valuable fisheries in the United States. The issues in the fishery have been ongoing and increasing over time. We respectfully request that the Council prioritize a process to address these concerns.

Sincerely,

Lars Vinjerud


FLEET MANAGEMENT & NEW OCEAN LLC

Tom Nies, Executive Director
New England Fishery Management Council
50 Water Street, Mill 2
Newburyport, MA 01950
tnies@nefmc.org

Date: November 1, 2018

Re: 2019 Scallop Priorities

Dear Mr. Nies:

I am writing to you as an owner of the following Limited Access scallop vessels;

Celtic	591971	410146
Challenge	595041	330272
Harvester	535588	410080
Incentive	691158	410386
Patience	509672	410068
Socatean	297224	410045

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As an owner, I support the request that the Council prioritize a process to address these concerns in 2019.

Sincerely,

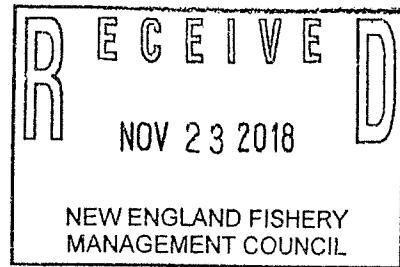


Quinn Fisheries, Inc Charles Quinn Jr.

Cc: Dr. John Quinn, Chairman of NEFMC
jquinnfish@gmail.com

Dr. John Quinn, Chairman
New England Fisheries Management Council
50 Water Street, Mill 2
Newburyport, MA 01950

11/23/2018



Re: 2019 Scallop Priorities

Dear Dr. Quinn,

We are writing to you as limited access permit holders and Federal Dealers in the scallop fishery. We attended several scallop port meetings facilitated by the Consensus Building Institute in 2018. We believe those meetings identified several challenges facing the scallop industry (aging fleet and crew, need for flexibility, and inefficiencies in the fishery). It would be beneficial for the council to host at least 2 facilitated meetings in 2019 (one in the Mid-Atlantic, one in New England) to identify a clear problem statement for the council to consider in a further action.

The port meetings held in 2018 also identified some guiding principles for the fishery moving forward. Ensuring fairness, maintaining the existing ownership cap, limits on consolidation, improved crew conditions, increased safety and commitment to industry funded science. These core principles will ensure a successful future for the scallop fishery.

The scallop fishery has been tremendously successful and addressing ongoing challenges can only benefit the entire fishery. We respectfully request the Council prioritize a process to address these concerns.

Kirk Larson

F/V CB Keane, Madelyn, Grand Larson III

Keith Larson

F/Elizabeth, Capt John, M S Manya, Lori-L, Karen-L

Ernie Panacek

Viking Village Fisheries

CC - Tom Nies, NEFMC



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November 21, 2018

RE: 2019 Scallop Priorities

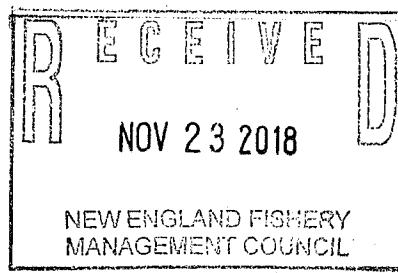
Dear Mr. Nies,

I am writing to you as a shoreside business that provides unloading services to the Atlantic Sea Scallop fishery. It is my understanding that industry hosted port meetings in 2018 to discuss issues of concern in the fishery and further requests in 2019. The council undertakes a process to continue these discussions. The meeting summaries indicate that some concerns identified were an aging fleet, aging crew, need for flexibility, utilization of vessels limited to 50-60 days per year and other inefficiencies in the fishery.

I support the industry's request to the Council to continue these discussions in 2019. The scallop fishery creates great benefits to our coastal communities through economic activity. It is imperative to examine the short and long-term resiliency of the fleet to changing economic and environmental conditions to maintain the viability of this fishery.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Manchester



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