

**Potential Scallop 2020 Priorities (Draft List)**

*NOTE: This list is for discussion at the PDT only. Items on this list have not been recommended for work, and a final decision will be made by the Council at its December 2019 meeting.*

**Scallop PDT:** We are at the point in the process where potential priorities can be added to the list for consideration. Ideas for new priorities will be brought forward to the Scallop Committee in September.

Sea Scallops		Status	Multi?	Origin
	<u>Prepare a specifications package to set FY 2021 (2022 default) specifications (i.e. setting DAS, access area trips, Northern GOM TAC, limited access general category IFQ allocations, etc.).</u>			Requirement
	Complete Amendment 21: NGOM management, LAGC trip limits, state waters fishing by LAGC vessels	Ongoing	Y	
	Support action for access to Northern Edge HMA ( see Habitat)		Y	2018 priority
	Evaluate rotational management program			Committee, removed as a 2019 priority
	Evaluate options for harvesting slow growing scallops in Nantucket Light Ship-South Deep			Committee, added as a 2019 priority
	Adjustments to scallop industry funded observer program ( IFO coverage vs. required SBRM coverage, etc.)			NEFSC letter August 2017
<b>Staff</b>	NMFS and PDT have annual responsibilities related to estimating scallop, yellowtail, and windowpane catch during the year (i.e. LA AM exception, re-evaluation of YT sub-ACL based on updated information).	Ongoing		
<b>Staff</b>	Support annual scallop RSA process, including priority setting, and technical and management reviews.	Ongoing		
	Performance report for the LA component			
	Modify RSA program as recommended by RSA Program Review (see resesarchresearch, below) – also related - review and implement recommendations from 2015 scallop survey review panel (next step of RSA program review in June 2019)			
	Consider issues identified East Coast Scallop Harvesters Association			October 2018 letter

Table 1- Final 2019 Priorities

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2019 NEFMC Priorities  
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FMP	Annual	Comm.	Executive Committee	Council	Rank	Multi-Year	Comm.	Executive Committee	Council	Rank
	<i>Possible recreational sub-ACL for GB cod</i>				81					
	Modify Council policy on gear standards to facilitate use of gear in AMs.			✓						
<b>Monkfish</b>										
	<u>Monkfish specifications for 2020-2022</u>		✓	✓	8					
<b>Sea Scallops</b>										
	<u>Prepare a specifications package to set FY 2020 (2021 default) specifications (i.e. setting DAS, access area trips, Northern GOM TAC, limited access general category IFQ allocations, etc.). See NLCA issue item 32, added June 2019.</u>	✓	✓	✓	2	NGOM scallop management measure changes: such as changing opening date, consistent gear restrictions, possession limits, effort controls; LAGC IFQ Trip Limits; allow IFQ transfer from LA to LAGC permits (added Jan 2019).	✓	✓	✓	24, 45
	Staff: Support annual scallop RSA process, including priority setting, and technical and management reviews.		✓	✓	18	<i>Scoping/exploratory process for harvester cooperatives</i>				80
	<del>Evaluate rotational management program</del> Cancelled June 2019	✓	✓	✓	32					
	<i>LAGC IFQ Trip Limit Changes</i>	✓			45					
	<i>Adjustments to scallop industry funded observer program (NGOM coverage, etc.)</i>				34					
	<u>NMFS and PDT have new annual responsibilities related to estimating scallop, YT, windowpane catch during the year (i.e. LA AM exception, re-evaluation of YT sub-ACL based on updated information).</u>		✓	✓	34					
	<i>Action to modify scallop access areas to be consistent with OA2 revised management areas</i>	✓			40					
	Evaluate options for harvesting slow growing scallops in Nantucket Light Ship-South Deep. Added June 2019 as part of specifications.	✓		✓	67					
	<i>Measures to address DAS and IFQ carryover</i>				72					
	<i>Gear modifications to protect small scallops (extended link)</i>				75					

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FMP	Annual	Comm.	Executive Committee	Council	Rank	Multi-Year	Comm.	Executive Committee	Council	Rank
	Specify allocation review triggers		✓	✓	77					
	Action to mitigate impacts on yellowtail flounder	✓	✓	✓	NR					
<b>Herring</b>										