

Meeting Motions  
 Scallop Committee  
 October 17, 2016  
 Boston, MA

**Motion #1: Hughes/Sissenwine**

The Scallop Committee Tasks the PDT to analyze AP motions #3 and #4, (in Doc. 12, column C). In doing so, the PDT would analyze a run with 4 access area trips at 18,000lbs in the following areas: CA II S, the NLS (as one area), and 2 trips in the MAAA. This would be incorporated as the new “Base Run” for FW28 Specifications. The PDT should analyze this with the NLS EXT open.

*Rationale:* This motion would keep Elephant Trunk Rotational Closure and the CA II extension closed to protect small scallops. The PDT should not analyze the basic run tasked at the Sept. Committee meeting.

The motion *carried* on a show of hands: 8/0/1

**Motion #2: Hughes/Kendall**

The Scallop Committee tasks the PDT to analyze AP motion #2, (in Doc. 11). The PDT would 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: 9/0/1

**Motion #3: Hughes/Griffin**

The Scallop Committee tasks the PDT to add a specification option in FW28 that would allow the harvest of CAI carryover lbs (i.e. allocate ~1.6 million lbs) to new CAI AA boundary, contingent upon the approval of the OHA2 amendment. These pounds could be harvested in FY2017 and FY2018, and would come out of the management uncertainty buffer between the ACT and ACL.

*Rationale:* This would only allocate pounds to CAI if the Council’s preferred OHA2 option for this area is adopted.

The motion *carried* on a show of hands: 8/0/1

**Motion #4: Hughes/Pappalardo**

RSA compensation fishing would only be available in the MAAA and open bottom and prohibited everywhere else.

*Rationale:* RSA comp fishing would be prohibited in all other areas, including the NGOM management area, CA II S AA, NLS AA, CA I AA, and the ETC Rotational closure (if opened).

The motion *carried* on a show of hands: 10/0/0

**Motion #5: Pappalardo/Hughes**

That the CTE task the PDT to analyze LAGC IFQ AA trips in FW28 with a 50/50 split between the MAAA (including ETC and MAAA) and NLS AAs.

The motion *failed* on a show of hands: 4/5/0.

**By consensus #6:**

The Scallop Committee recommends that the number of NGOM alternative in FW28 be refined to 3: 70,000 lbs, 95,000 lbs, and 111,000 lbs.

**Motion #7: Hughes/Pappalardo**

In document 9, Potential 2017 Scallop Work Priorities, move that the scallop committee prioritize as the highest priority a framework action in 2017 that would include:

- A) specifications
- B) modify access areas to be consistent with OAH2
- F) gear modifications to protect small scallops
- J) modify flatfish Accountability Measures

This motion does not exclude other actions in 2017

**Motion to Amend #8: Stockwell/Kendall**

In document 9, Potential 2017 Scallop Work Priorities, Move that the scallop committee prioritize as the highest priority a framework action in 2017 that would include:

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- B) modify access areas to be consistent with OAH2
- F) gear modifications to protect small scallops
- J) modify flatfish Accountability Measures
- C) NGOM Scallop management measures

This motion does not exclude other actions in 2017

The motion *carried* on a show of hands: 10/0/0

**The Main Motion as Amended #9:**

In document 9, Potential 2017 Scallop Work Priorities, move that the scallop committee prioritize as the highest priority a framework action in 2017 that would include:

- A) specifications
- B) modify access areas to be consistent with OAH2
- F) gear modifications to protect small scallops
- J) modify flatfish Accountability Measures
- C) NGOM Scallop management measures

This motion does not exclude other actions in 2017

The motion *carried* on a show of hands: 10-0-0

**Motion #10: Sissenwine/Mann**

The Scallop Committee recommends that the Council give priority to organizing a (scallop) RSA review, in doing so the Council should explore options that would keep the workload for Council staff and PDT to a minimum.

The motion *carried* on a show of hands: 10-0-0

**Motion #11: Hughes/Pappalardo**

Prioritize a meeting day for the Committee/PDT/AP to discuss the Nantucket Lightship Access Area's small scallops that are slow growing and explore the value of transporting some biomass to more shallow areas.

The motion *carried* on a show of hands: 10-0-0