

# CORRESPONDENCE



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

F/V SETTLER  
Permit # 410253



RE: East Coast Scallop Harvest Association Sector Proposal

We, the crewmen of the scallop fishery, are opposed to the creation of sectors or "harvest associations" within the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery. We object to the creations of sectors because we believe it will lead to the loss of income and jobs, does not improve safety and does not promote the conservation of the scallop resource of which we all depend.

With the passage of sectors the fishing boat owners will stack multiple permits on one boat and pass the permit lease expenses onto the crew decreasing our share. Right now each boat fishes about 75 days a year and most crews fish two boats for about 150 fishing days a year. Under sectors one crew could fish three permits for about 225 fishing days a year which would eliminate jobs in the scallop fleet.

There have been no studies proving sector management has improved safety on board fishing boats and quota allocation in the scallop fishery will not provide any conservation benefits. Under a quota allocation we would be forced by the boat owners to land only the larger more profitable scallops which would force us to work longer watches on longer trips in unsafe weather while we sort, handle and discard the smaller scallops. The additional days at sea will keep us away from our families for longer periods of time which could cause problems in our relationships and long term health.

We ask the council to reject the motion to form sectors or "harvest associations" and keep the scallop industry as it is now.

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(Signature)

(Printed Name)

(Fishing Vessel)

Thomas Coley Thomas Coley F/V SETTLER

(Signature)

(Printed Name)

(Fishing Vessel)

Timothy W. Winkler Timothy Winkler F/V Settler

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Paul Previty Paul Previty F/V Settler

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DAVID RODRIGUES DAVID RODRIGUES F/V Settler

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MICHAEL BRONIEWSKI MICHAEL BRONIEWSKI F/V Settler

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STEVEN SAMAGRO STEVEN SAMAGRO F/V SETTLER

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(Fishing Vessel)

## Sherie Goutier

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**From:** Joan O'Leary  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 17, 2017 11:36 AM  
**To:** Sherie Goutier  
**Subject:** FW: f/v william & lauren

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**From:** Tom Nies  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 17, 2017 11:35 AM  
**To:** Joan O'Leary <joleary@nefmc.org>  
**Cc:** Joan O'Leary <joleary@nefmc.org>  
**Subject:** FW: f/v william & lauren

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**From:** Peter Sousa [<mailto:nbss.nbship@verizon.net>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 17, 2017 10:12 AM  
**To:** Tom Nies; Jonathon Peros  
**Cc:** [wlfisheries@aol.com](mailto:wlfisheries@aol.com)  
**Subject:** f/v william & lauren

tom and Jonathon,  
please include F/V William & Lauren (permit# 330394) to list of vessels/owners opposed to sector proposal.  
thank you,  
harriet

-----Original Message-----

From: William Wasilewski President F/V William&Lauren Inc <[wlfisheries@aol.com](mailto:wlfisheries@aol.com)>  
To: Peter Sousa <[nbss.nbship@verizon.net](mailto:nbss.nbship@verizon.net)>  
Sent: Fri, Oct 13, 2017 6:52 pm  
Subject: Re: letter incuding boats

Hi Peter  
The name of the vessel is William&Lauren Doc# is 615155  
Thanks,Bill

William Wasilewski  
Pres. F/V William&Lauren Inc

Sent from my iPhone

On Oct 13, 2017, at 10:42 AM, Peter Sousa <[nbss.nbship@verizon.net](mailto:nbss.nbship@verizon.net)> wrote:

bill,  
attached is a letter that was previously sent with f/v names and fed id#s.  
if you would like to be included, please send me an email stating that and include your vessel name and fed permit #.  
thanks

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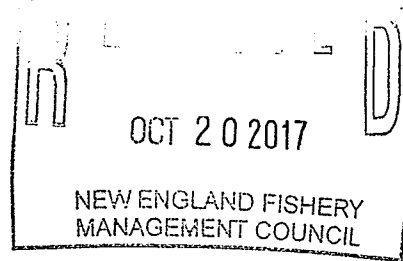
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New England Fisheries Management Council  
50 Water Street  
Newburyport MA 01950



October 20, 2017

Dear Chairman Quinn and Director Nies:

We are writing to ask you to ensure regulations are in place *by April 1* that require all vessels fishing in the Northern Gulf of Maine (NGOM) to operate under a hard, enforceable NGOM TAC. We also ask you to support the NGOM TAC alternative that allocates a base of 70,000 pounds to the General Category fleet with a 50/50 split of the remainder between General Category and Limited Access vessels.

We must prevent a reoccurrence of what happened in 2016 and 2017. To do that we need a simple, equitable and enforceable solution. Given the history of the NGOM a low base allocation to the Gen Cat fleet followed by with a 50/50 split seems like a reasonable solution for the immediate future.

We hope the Council will soon initiate an Amendment to craft long term solutions to NGOM inconsistencies. But for right now, the top priority should be to ensure that the next time the NGOM opens, all fishing in the area is governed by a hard, enforceable TAC.

Thank you for making NGOM management a top priority and for ensuring a sustainable future for the NGOM.

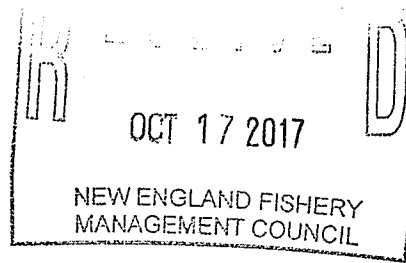
Yours truly,

Alex Todd, F/V Jacob and Joshua, Permit # 242848  
Ira Miller, F/V Julie Ann, Permit # 231459  
Russell Parmenter, F/V Patricia Ann, Permit # 149915  
Josh Trundy, F/V Miss Rebecka, Permit # 242851  
James West, F/V First Impression II, Permit # 151983  
Ben Crocker, F/V Clean Sweep, Permit # 148781  
David Leach, F/V Megan E Permit # 151291  
James Wotton, F/V Overkill, Permit # 151564  
Danna Hammond, F/V Nicole Leigh, Permit # 250716  
Mike Murphy Sr, F/V Murphy's Law, Permit # 150214  
Joe Mazerolle, F/V Overcurrent, Permit # 251800  
Jim Ford, F/V Lisa Ann III Permit # 240880  
Arnold Nickerson, F/V Hayley Ann Permit #221740

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October 9, 2017

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



Re: 2018 Scallop Work Priorities

Dear Chairman Quinn and The New England Council:

I am writing to ask the New England Fishery Management Council to remove the proposal by the newly formed East Coast Scallop Harvest Association from the 2018 Scallop Work Priorities List. The Council will be making recommendations for the 2018 work priorities in December. This proposal is not a priority for the Scallop Fishery.

In August the Chairman and Council received a letter from the East Coast Scallop Harvest Association concerning a proposal to form "associations" which would be allocated quotas from the Scallop Management Plan. Associations would then be able to "stack" their quotas on Association vessels. They propose to do away with regulations such as crew size limits, regulations that limit vessel size, horsepower, and tonnage, and prohibitions on such things as shucking machines and sorting machines. They claim they could do a better job managing the fishery by self regulation. All these things would completely change the way that the Scallop Fishery is managed and harvested. The East Coast Scallop

Harvest Association also requests that this proposal be prioritized and put on the 2018 Scallop Work Priorities List and to immediately start an Amendment to work through the details and implementation of this proposal. This proposal is very controversial and has already had many permit holders and their employees taking sides, writing letters and hiring lawyers.

The Scallop Fishery is the most successful fishery in the United States. Seafood Dealers, Permit holders, Owner Operators, hired Captains and crews are all making a good living from this fishery. Permit and Vessel values have never been higher. In the past 10 years many new vessels have been built to replace older platforms.

I would determine that this proposal by the East Coast Scallop Harvest Association is "not" a priority for the Sea Scallop Fishery. It is not needed to set the Fishery Specifications. It is not needed to protect the resource, and in fact will have adverse effects on the resource if Days at Sea are done away with and time on the grounds increases. It is not needed to manage the very successful Scallop Fishery. This is someone's business plan on how they would like to manage the Scallop Fishery and put more money in their pocket. It will concentrate more wealth at the top instead of spreading it throughout the fishery participants as it does now. It will also favor some permit holders over others, and it will not benefit any of the fisherman that are actually working the decks and running the boats for these permit holders.

Therefore this proposal put forth by the East Coast Scallop Harvest Association should not be given priority status in 2018. The PDT and GARFO staff have a full workload already in 2018 with a Benchmark Assessment, NGOM management, and measures that are actually needed to manage the Sea Scallop Fishery going forward. Thank You for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Thomas Coley  
Captain F/V SETTLER

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## Sherie Goutier

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**From:** Harriet Didriksen  
**Sent:** Friday, October 06, 2017 10:46 AM  
**To:** Tom Nies; Jonathon Peros  
**Subject:** Fwd: Scallop sectors

f/v bella rose would like to be added to the letter opposing the CCSH proposition.  
thank you

-----Original Message-----

**From:** fvbellarose <fvbellarose@yahoo.com>  
**To:** nbss.nbship <nbss.nbship@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Sun, Sep 10, 2017 1:14 pm  
**Subject:** Scallop sectors

Here is mine Harriet: Bella Rose 251687  
Thanks Brett Mitchell

Sent from my iPhone

## Sherie Goutier

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**From:** Harriet Didriksen  
**Sent:** Friday, October 06, 2017 10:47 AM  
**To:** Tom Nies; Jonathon Peros  
**Subject:** Fwd: response to sector letter

f/v shearwater would like to be added to letter opposing ECSH proposal.  
thank you

-----Original Message-----

From: Hatchet <ghatch2002@roadrunner.com>  
To: Peter Sousa <nbss.nbship@verizon.net>  
Sent: Sun, Sep 10, 2017 8:26 am  
Subject: Re: response to sector letter

Morning Pete: F/V Shearwater permit 320394 GLHatch Inc Gary Hatch Hope this helps ? Thanks

*Sent from my Verizon Wireless 4G LTE DROID*

Peter Sousa <[nbss.nbship@verizon.net](mailto:nbss.nbship@verizon.net)> wrote:

Earlier I sent you two emails regarding sectors. Its very important that we have as many vessels and permit #'s opposing this issue. If you can forward vessel and permit # to myself at [nbss.nbship@verizon.net](mailto:nbss.nbship@verizon.net) or to [jaymassfab@verizon.net](mailto:jaymassfab@verizon.net) directly before Monday 9/11 would be excellent. TIME is of the essence here.

Thank you  
Harriet Didriksen

-----Original Message-----

From: Mass Fabricating <[jaymassfab@verizon.net](mailto:jaymassfab@verizon.net)>  
To: nbss.nbship <[nbss.nbship@verizon.net](mailto:nbss.nbship@verizon.net)>  
Sent: Wed, Sep 6, 2017 12:14 pm  
Subject: response to sector letter

Harriet:

I have attached a letter to forward to the council objecting to the recent proposal to allow the creation of sectors in the scallop fishery. right now i'm trying to disseminate the letter to those who are opposed to the sectors and i'm asking people for their boat names and permit numbers to attach to the letter if they agree with what I've written. if you would like to be included in the letter, please give me your boat's name and permit number. if you know anyone else that would be interested in supporting the letter I would be more than happy to include them. I know paul has been talking to Ziggy about this so I will be getting his permit numbers soon. I hope to send this letter out by the end of the week so the council can have it prior to the meeting on the 19'th.

Jay

## **Sherie Goutier**

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**From:** Harriet Didriksen  
**Sent:** Friday, October 06, 2017 10:49 AM  
**To:** Tom Nies; Jonathon Peros  
**Subject:** scallop sector/ oppose

in addition,  
artie ochse has texted me directly to add his boat to the letter to oppose ECSH proposal

F/V Christian and Alexa #330683

thank you,  
harriet

## Sherie Goutier

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**From:** Jonathon Peros  
**Sent:** Monday, October 16, 2017 4:30 PM  
**To:** comments  
**Cc:** Sherie Goutier  
**Subject:** RE: consolodation/ opposing/f/v settler

From Harriett.

**From:** Peter Sousa [mailto:nbss.nbship@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 16, 2017 11:31 AM  
**To:** Tom Nies <tnies@nefmc.org>; Jonathon Peros <jperos@nefmc.org>  
**Subject:** consolodation/ opposing/f/v settler

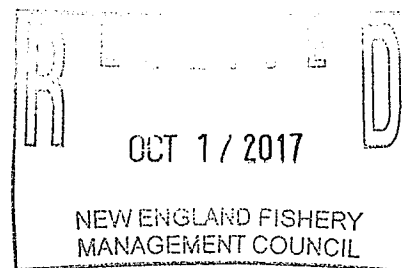
see attached crew members from f/v settler opposing sectors.  
thank you

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**Sherie Goutier**

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**Subject:** RE: letter oppose to ECSH assoc. proposal

**From:** Peter Sousa [<mailto:nbss.nbship@verizon.net>]  
**Sent:** Friday, October 06, 2017 10:44 AM  
**To:** Tom Nies; Jonathon Peros  
**Subject:** letter oppose to ECSH assoc. proposal

tom/ john,  
see attached letter to oppose ECSH assoc. proposal.  
I will also be sending other boat owners/permits that have sent their info directly to me.  
thank you  
harriet didriksen

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From: stoningtonseafod <[stoningtonseafod@aol.com](mailto:stoningtonseafod@aol.com)>  
To: nbss.nbship <[nbss.nbship@verizon.net](mailto:nbss.nbship@verizon.net)>  
Sent: Mon, Sep 18, 2017 10:11 am  
Subject: C/O Harriet D.

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

RE: East Coast Scallop Harvest Association Sector Proposal

Dear Dr. Quinn,

We are opposed to the recent proposition put forth to the Council by the East Coast Scallop Harvest Association to form a sector style management system for the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery. We would ask the Council to remove the E.C.S.H. Association proposal from consideration in any future Amendment or Framework plans.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter,

Sincerely,

William I. Bomster  
William J. Bomster  
Joseph M. Bomster  
Michael P. Bomster  
Malayna C. Bomster

410455 F/V Patty Jo  
330690 F/V Stonington Jo

Stonington Fish & Lobster  
P.O. Box 289 - 4 High Street  
Stonington CT 06378

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Cape May, New Jersey

609-884-3405

September 25, 2017

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NEW ENGLAND FISHERY  
MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Dear Tom Nies,

On August 15<sup>th</sup> the East Coast Scallop Harvest Association submitted to the NEFMC a request that the NEFMC vote to prioritize the initiation of a Sea Scallop Plan Amendment in 2018.

I support the proposal submitted by the East Coast Scallop Harvest Association to allow for the formation of voluntary associations, which would fish under output quota controls rather than DAS input controls. We recognize other ideas may also be proposed during the scoping meetings.

Please add the following vessels to the list of vessels requesting the NEFMC approve as a high priority the initiation of a sea scallop plan amendment in 2018.

Sincerely,

Keith Laudeman

Vessels & Permits Numbers

Kim & Jr II - permit No. 320333

Cameron Scott - permit No. 330845

Captain Jeff - permit No. 330626

Jonathan Ryan - permit No. 320662

Alexandra L - permit No. 250968

Vaud J - permit No. 410608

Sea Quest - permit No. 330783

Pursuit - permit No. 330912

Wesley L - permit No. 311002

Victoray - permit No. 330882

906 Schellengers Landing Road - P O Box 497- Cape May NJ 08204

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Tom Nies, Executive Director  
New England Fishery Management Council  
50 Water Street, Mill 2  
Newburyport, MA 01950

September 18, 2017

Dear Tom, Scallop Advisory Panel and Scallop Committee,

We are a group of Limited Access General Category scallop fishermen from around New England and the Mid-Atlantic that seek to increase the trip limit from 600 pounds to 1200 pounds per day.

Increasing the trip limit will deliver immediate benefits to the fishery while maintaining the important day-boat character of the fleet envisioned in Amendment 11 to the Scallop FMP. We expect the following benefits:

1. Prosecute the fishery more economically.
2. Allow the Gen Cat fleet to fish profitably when ex-vessel prices drop lower (such as the 2017 FY).
3. Increase profit by reducing expenses like fuel and steaming time.
4. Improve safety at sea by allowing vessels to conduct their scallop fishing trips in less days and focus on the best weather.
5. Allow vessels to efficiently harvest their scallop quota while meat yields are optimal. Focus fishing on the months of the year when the meats are the largest and most valuable.
6. Allows vessels to fish farther offshore to target scallops throughout the range of the fishery.
7. Improve crew wages

We appreciate your consideration and look forward to working through the Framework process to implement a trip limit increase for FY2018.

Thank you,

Bill	Amaru	FV Sylvanna	Chatham	MA
Robert	Brewster	FV Bear, Eaglet 2, Abby & Holly	Barnegat	NJ
Jim	Brindley	FV TNT	Barnegat	NJ
Jim	Bergstrom	FV Honi Do	Chatham	MA
Wes	Brighton	FV Martha Elizabeth	Menemsha	MA
Timothy	Brindley	FV Viking Rose	Barnegat	NJ
Scott	Cornwell	FV Mary B	Chatham	MA
Dustin	Curley	FV Three Graces	Chatham	MA
Chris	Eager	FV Miss Mae & Sons	Portsmouth	NH
Jim	Elliot	FV Vengeance, Maizey James	Cape May	NJ
Patrick	Fehily	FV Major Expense	Point Pleasant	NJ
Wally	Gray	FV Lost Generation	Stonington	ME

Mike	Green	FV Gipper	Barnegat	NJ
Beau	Gribbin	FV Glutton	Provincetown	MA
Ben	Hogan	FV Three Graces	Chatham	MA
Sam	Hopkins	FV Endurance	Menemsha	MA
Paul	Lemieux	FV Sereno	New Bedford	MA
Sean	Mahoney	FV Mama Tried	Gloucester	MA
Matt	Mallowes	FV Profiteer	Chatham	MA
Louie	Martens	FV Leonardo	New Bedford	MA
Bob	Maxwell	Miss Halie	West Creek	NJ
Jason	Meyers	FV Miss Maddy	Barnegat	NJ
Harold	Meyers	FV Capt Travis, Jessica Heather	Atlantic City	NJ
Len	Michaud	FV Michele Jean	Sandwich	MA
Ed	Mullis	FV Virginia Wave	Newport News	VA
Bill	Mullis	FV Virginia Wave	Newport News	VA
Jeff	Murray	FV Never Enough	New Bedford	MA
Wesley	Peterson	FV 2 Sea Sons	Montauk	NY
Mike	Pratt	FV Perfect Cs	Green Harbor	MA
Bill	Reed	FV Providence	Hampton Bays	NY
Tom	Reilly	FV Three Graces	Chatham	MA
Scott	Rorro	FV Sea Hunter	Provincetown	MA
Jesse	Rose	FV Midnight Our	Chatham	MA
Chris	Scola	FV Rock & Roll III	Montauk	NY
Mike	Skarimbass	FV New Species	Montauk	NY
Mark	Smith	FV Godzilla	Harwich	MA
Tye	Vechionne	FV Bada Bing	Chatham	MA
Andy	Young	FV Gold Digger	Chatham	MA
Bill	Amaru	FV Sylvanna	Chatham	MA

a presentation for discussion purposes....

# **OUTPUT CONTROLS VS. INPUT CONTROLS FOR MANAGEMENT OF EAST COAST SEA SCALLOP HARVEST**

Prepared by: EAST COAST SCALLOP HARVEST ASSOCIATION

September 15, 2017

## WHAT IS THE EAST COAST SCALLOP HARVEST ASSOCIATION?

- The proposed East Coast Scallop Harvest Association is an initial group of scallop permit owners that recognize and seek to address the changing nature of the seafood fishery.
- The initial members, holding 64 limited access scallop permits, submitted a request to the NEFMC on August 15, 2017 to allow the voluntary use of Output Controls instead of Input Controls in the scallop fishery.
- As of September 14 limited access scallop permit holders holding 132 permits ranging from single vessel to fleet owners in writing requested the NEFMC to prioritize for 2018 initiation of a scallop amendment to consider Output Controls.

## BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

- The Association's organizers met regularly over the past year to identify the key issues they saw confronting the scallop fishery.
- The ECSHA recognized the current management plan has been successful in rebuilding the scallop resource.
- But the identified issues in the current scallop fishery management plan that limits the ability of permit owners to improve crew working conditions, manage complex bycatch issues, and enhance the quality standards of the fishery.

## KEY ISSUES IDENTIFIED:

- Crews working longer shifts to maximize cutting on DAS.
- Reduced ability of captains to train mates due to working hours on deck
- Reduced life time career ability for aging crews due to 18+ hour days
- Reduced ability of captains to avoid bycatch constrained by DAS time
- Value of catch due to quality of the product which is impacted by DAS time constraints
- Concentrated fleet fishing effort by discouraging fishing in open areas with lower catch and bycatch rates.
- Environmental and economic impact of maintaining and investing in vessels for a 50 days a year fishery
- Costs of building load line vessels for a 50 days a year fishery

## SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

- The Association organizer group concluded that the primary impediment to improving scallop fishery conditions is the Days-at-Sea (DAS) effort-based management system.
- These Input Controls promote a race for catch rather than orderly harvest.
- The Input Controls of DAS, crew size (e.g. 7 men), and size of vessels (LOA and HP) have the unintended consequences the group identified as the key issues which need addressing.
- The longer the industry and the NEFMC delay to address these key issues the more exasperated the unintended consequences will become.

## OUTPUT CONTROLS CAN ADDRESS THE KEY ISSUES:

- Allocating annual harvest shares to groups of vessel owners s an Output Control would provide the scallop fishery with an effective tool to address the identified problems.
- Others in the fishery may prefer the status quo of Input Controls, so the group allocation model is proposed by ECSHA as an option for each permit holder to decide themselves, not a requirement for the entire fishery.
- With Output Controls there are legitimate concerns regarding catch sorting and retention and therefore they are proposing increased catch monitoring on harvest by Association vessels.



## THE DRAFT ECSHA PROPOSED SCALLOP FMP AMENDMENT:

- Provides permit holders with an annual option to choose between current DAS Input Controls or association allocations as Output Controls.
- Associations would be required to have a minimum of 3 permit holders with no common ownership.
- Multiple associations would allow owners to choose who to work with.
- Associations would receive annual quota allocations from NMFS based on the DAS assigned to each member's permit, multiplied by the NMFS projected LPUE for that permit's category.
- Associations would internally assign catch shares to their members per each association's membership rules.
- Associations would be required to develop and enforce bycatch avoidance plans and catch monitoring, sorting, and accounting procedures.

## ASSOCIATION OPERATIONS:

- Association membership would be annual in term. A permit owner could choose to participate in an association, change associations, or return to the Input Controls of DAS each year.
- Each association permit would receive from NMFS a fixed annual harvest share which would be internally assigned by the association to association harvest vessels. Associations would be responsible for monitoring, limiting individual and aggregate catch and bycatch of member harvest vessels.
- Association harvest vessels which annually do not retain their scallop allocation would not be permitted to increase effort by permit splitting by fishing in any other NE Region managed fishery which was effort Input Control based, rather than individual permit quota based.
- Association harvest vessels would not be subject to baseline size requirements while harvesting under an association allocation, but would be subject to baseline sizes if they returned to the DAS Input Control fishery.

## HARVEST ASSOCIATIONS ARE NOT MARKETING ASSOCIATIONS:

- Harvest Associations are limited to cooperation between scallop fishery participants in the harvest of sea scallops to enhance the fishery.
- Associations would not market or sell scallops, and would have no control over how a member markets or sells their product.
- Associations would not have authority to set scallop prices, or to serve as a means for exchanging price, or to share market data.
- Individual members of an association would decide when to harvest their catches and whether to sell on the Whaling City Auction or directly to a scallop buyer.

## SUMMARY:

- We believe a scallop FMP Amendment is necessary to make the changes needed for the next 20+ years of the sea scallop fishery.
- We recognize some owners may prefer their current harvest practices so our proposals are voluntary, not compulsory.
- Output Controls in the scallop fishery will improve crew working conditions, crew lifestyles, and likely increase total crew employed fleet-wide.
- Associations will improve accountability by allocating harvest shares, monitoring catch, sorting and discards and enforcing retention requirements and catch limits.
- Associations have a track record of successfully implementing fleet-level bycatch avoidance measures.

## NEXT STEPS:

- We encourage all scallop permit holders to discuss the future of the scallop fishery.
- We can only have serious discussion of the future if the NEFMC prioritizes the initiation of a Sea Scallop Management Plan Amendment for 2018.
- We encourage all limited access scallop permit holders who desire to discuss the future (either as we have proposed or an alternative) to email the NEFMC now, while the NEFMC is considering setting 2018 priorities, to ask the NEMFC to prioritize scoping for a Sea Scallop Amendment.
- We hope you will send an email listing your vessel's name and NMFS Permit Number in support of initiating scoping for a scallop Amendment to:
  - NEFMC Chairman, Dr. John Quinn: [jquinn3@umassd.edu](mailto:jquinn3@umassd.edu)
  - NEFMC Executive Director, Tom Nies: [tnies@nefmc.org](mailto:tnies@nefmc.org)
  - Stephen Ouellette: [smo@fishlaw.com](mailto:smo@fishlaw.com)

# VESSELS AND PERMITS SUPPORTING ECSHA REQUEST FOR NEFMC TO INITIATE A SEA SCALLOP AMENDMENT TO CONSIDER OUTPUT CONTROLS

REDEMPTION	149440	BLUE EASTERN	330720
RYAN WILLIAM	251690	OCEAN PRIDE	330742
ATLANTIC GIRL	310586	ATLANTIC BOUNTY	330778
KARINA	310918	OCEAN GOLD	330780
COVE	310941	FREEDOM	330781
GRAND LARSON III	310945	UBOYS	330784
VICKIE II	310988	SASSY SARAH	330786
OCEAN WAVE	320130	DILIGENCE	330791
MISS SUE ANN	320306	CAPT. BILLY HAVER	330793
ADRIANNA	320416	PACER	330798
NORREEN MARIE	320422	FLAVIAN S.	330799
WILLIAM LEE	320634	OCEAN SCOUT	330800
TRAVIS & NATALIE	320657	OCEAN FOX	330803
TENACIOUS	321109	BALD EAGLE II	330812
MISS.SHAUNA	321122	LADY EVELYN	330816
ANNE M	321135	ADVENTURESS	330818
OCEAN CAT	330147	COLLIN & WARREN III	330828
OCEAN PROWLER	330269	JOHN & NICHOLAS	330865
EXPECTATION	330301	RELENTLESS	330875
STACY LEE	330311	KAREN NICOLE	330893
OCEAN BOY	330325	PURSUIT	330895
CAPT BOB	330331	MASTER JAMES	330898
BLUE HARBOR	330378	OCEAN PROWLER	330906
LADY ROSLYN	330399	ANDREA A	330907
BLUE LAGOON	330543	GROWLER	330908
HAWK	330566	KELLY S	330913
BLUE STREAM	330578	C B KEANE	330917
FAIR WIND	330581	MADELYN	330922
OCEAN PRINCESS	330622	NASHIRA	410095
OCEAN LADY	330629	BLUE PACIFIC	410145
NAVIGATOR	330636	BARBARA ANNE	410147
BLUE COVE	330663	BLUE OCEAN	410151
COURAGEOUS	330703	FRANK & MARIA	410153