

## 2017 Scallop Work Items – Council Priorities

Table 1 – 2017 Scallop Priorities

1	Specifications (Reg. req.)
2	Modify AA to be consistent with OHA2
3	NGOM Management Measure Changes
4	Modify flatfish accountability measures
5	Gear modifications to protect small scallops
6	Complete LAGC IFQ Review (from 2016, final report in April)
7	Integrate findings from Sea Scallop Survey Methods Peer Review
8	STAFF: Support Annual Scallop RSA Process
9	STAFF: Annual responsibilities related to estimating scallop and flatfish catch during the year.
10	OTHER: Programmatic RSA review (Scallops, Herring, Monkfish)

### Notes:

- The work items outlined in Table 1 are not in rank order. However, specifications and the development of an accountability measure for northern windowpane are regulatory requirements and will need to be developed for the start of FY 2018.
- Completion of the LAGC IFQ five year review is a holdover from the 2016 process, and will be a top priority for Council staff this spring.
- The programmatic RSA review has been discussed at the Council’s Executive Committee, and is likely to be a joint effort between the Council, NEFSC, and GARFO.
- The Scallop AP and Committee will be meeting at the end of March, and the Committee will likely provide additional direction for the PDT on these work items
- Assessment updates are planned for all groundfish stocks this year. This will add to the scallop PDT workload in the fall WRT projections for several flatfish stocks, and will update the sub-ACLs for the four allocated stocks.

Table 2 - Draft timeline of scallop work in 2017

2017 Outlook	Item:	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
From 2016	Finish FW28	Submit EA, finalize FW											
From 2016	LAGC IFQ 5-year Review						Final Report						
Ongoing	RSA Process					RSA share Day	RSA Priorities					Mgmt and Tech Reviews	
Reg. Req.	Specifications						Initiate Action		Review Surveys	Develop Alternatives			Final Action
Reg. Req.	N. WND Ams			Develop AM measures for Northern Windowpane AM (and revisit other flatfish Ams? Not reg. req.)									
2017 Work	OHA2/modify AAs			Awaiting Proposed rule - 90 days to Final Rule, CAI measures in									
2017 Work	Survey follow-up			Likely window when the PDT will have time to make substantial progress on management measures during the year.									
2017 Work	NGOM mgmt												
2017 Work	Flatfish AMs - (see reg req as well)												
2017 Work	Gear modifications to protect small scallops												