

**Draft Motions
Scallop Advisory Panel Meeting
September 21, 2021
Webinar**

The meeting began at 9:05 a.m.

Framework 34:

Motion 1: Fulcher/Mullis

Recommend that the Committee moves to task the PDT to develop a rotational management option for consideration:

- Set FT LA trip limit at: 18,000
- Allocate access area trips to the following areas:
 - 18,000 pound allocation to CAII-EXT 1 trip
 - 18,000 pound allocation to CAII (SW & SE – Original CAII-S GF area) 1 trip
 - 18,000 pound allocation to the (NLS-S) 1 trip
 - Allow for trading in 9,000 pound increments

Rationale: Split CAII for two access area trips, with CAII-EXT and CAII SW+SE as different areas. Combining the SW and SE so there is a larger amount of exploitable biomass available for fishing. Trading in ½ trips continues to allow flexibility for the fishery.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Recuse
Scallop AP				
James Gutowski (Chair)				
Eric Hansen (VC)	Yes			
Wes Brighton				
Cassie Canastra	Yes			
Tom Coley	Yes			
Jay Elsner	Yes			
Ronnie Enoksen	Yes			
Brent Fulcher	Yes			
Kirk Larson	Yes			
Brady Lybarger	Yes			
Michael Marchetti				
Ben Martens	Yes			
Bob Maxwell	Yes			
Chris Merl	Yes			
Ed Mullis	Yes			
Kristen Porter	Yes			
Charlie Quinn	Yes			
Paul Vafides	Yes			
TOTAL VOTE	15	0	0	0

Motion 2: Enoksen/Larson

Recommend that the Committee moves to task the PDT to develop a rotational management option for consideration:

Run 1:

- Set FT LA trip limit at 18,000
- Allocate access area trip(s) to the following areas:
 - 27,000-pound allocation to CAII (SW & Ext combined) (1.5 trips)
 - 18,000-pound allocation to NL/South Deep (1 trip)
 - Access area trips can be traded in 9,000 pounds

Run 2:

- Set FT LA trip limit at 15,000
- Allocate access area trip(s) to the following areas:
 - 30,000-pound allocation to CAII (SW & Ext combined) (2 trips)
 - 15,000-pound allocation to NL/South Deep (1 trip)
 - Access area trips can be traded 15,000 pounds

Run 3:

- Set FT trip limit at 15,000
- Allocate access area trip(s) to the following areas:
 - 15,000-pound allocation to CAII SW (1 trip)
 - 15,000-pound allocation to CAII Ext. (1 trip)
 - 15,000-pound allocation to NL/South Deep (1 trip)
 - Access area trips can be traded in 15,000 pounds
 - No Flexing

Rationale: Give the PDT a range to analyze. Concerns of having allocation of 18,000-pound trip in NL/South is too much. Develop an option to shift one million pounds from NL/South to CAII (SW/Ext). Each 15,000-pound trip limit for the fleet is about 5 million pounds, five million in NL/South and ten million pounds in CAII(SW/Ext) for a total of 15 million pounds.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Recuse
Scallop AP				
James Gutowski (Chair)				
Eric Hansen (VC)	YES			
Wes Brighton				
Cassie Canastra	YES			
Tom Coley	YES			
Jay Elsner	YES			
Ronnie Enoksen	YES			
Brent Fulcher	YES			
Kirk Larson	YES			
Brady Lybarger	YES			
Michael Marchetti				
Ben Martens	YES			
Bob Maxwell	YES			

Chris Merl	YES			
Ed Mullis	YES			
Kristen Porter	YES			
Charlie Quinn	YES			
Paul Vafides	YES			
TOTAL VOTE	15	0	0	0

Motion 3: Merl/Fulcher

Recommend that the Committee task the PDT to develop measures in FW34 that shift the LAGC IFQ share of CAII AA allocations to Closed Area I for LAGC IFQ fishing, and allow RSA compensation fishing to occur in the area.

Rationale: This is the same approach as FW33. Gives LAGC IFQ component to an access area that is inshore relative to CAII.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Recuse
Scallop AP				
James Gutowski (Chair)				
Eric Hansen (VC)	YES			
Wes Brighton				
Cassie Canastra	YES			
Tom Coley	YES			
Jay Elsner		NO		
Ronnie Enoksen	YES			
Brent Fulcher	YES			
Kirk Larson	YES			
Brady Lybarger	YES			
Michael Marchetti				
Ben Martens	YES			
Bob Maxwell	YES			
Chris Merl	YES			
Ed Mullis	YES			
Kristen Porter	YES			
Charlie Quinn	YES			
Paul Vafides	YES			
TOTAL VOTE	14	1	0	0

Motion 4: Hansen/Elsner

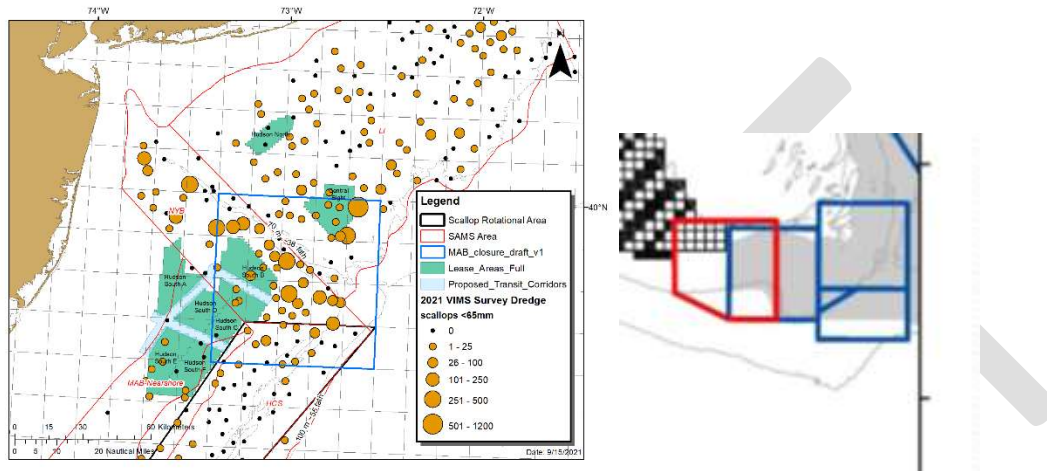
Recommend that the Committee to task the PDT to analyze reverting Closed Area I to open area, and how this would impact FT LA DAS.

Rationale: Want to see the affect of opening CAI will have on DAS allocations.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Recuse
Scallop AP				
James Gutowski (Chair)				
Eric Hansen (VC)	YES			
Wes Brighton				
Cassie Canastra	YES			
Tom Coley	YES			
Jay Elsner	YES			
Ronnie Enoksen	YES			
Brent Fulcher	YES			
Kirk Larson	YES			
Brady Lybarger	YES			
Michael Marchetti				
Ben Martens	YES			
Bob Maxwell	YES			
Chris Merl	YES			
Ed Mullis	YES			
Kristen Porter	YES			
Charlie Quinn	YES			
Paul Vafides	YES			
TOTAL VOTE	15	0	0	0

Motion 5: Hansen/Fulcher

Recommends that the Committee task the PDT to continue analyzing the rectangular area [shown below left] north of the current MAAA closure to protect the set of scallops observed in the surveys and also analyze a closure west of of the current NLSAA [option shown below right]. In conjunction with the analysis PDT should also analyze having MAAA revert to open bottom.



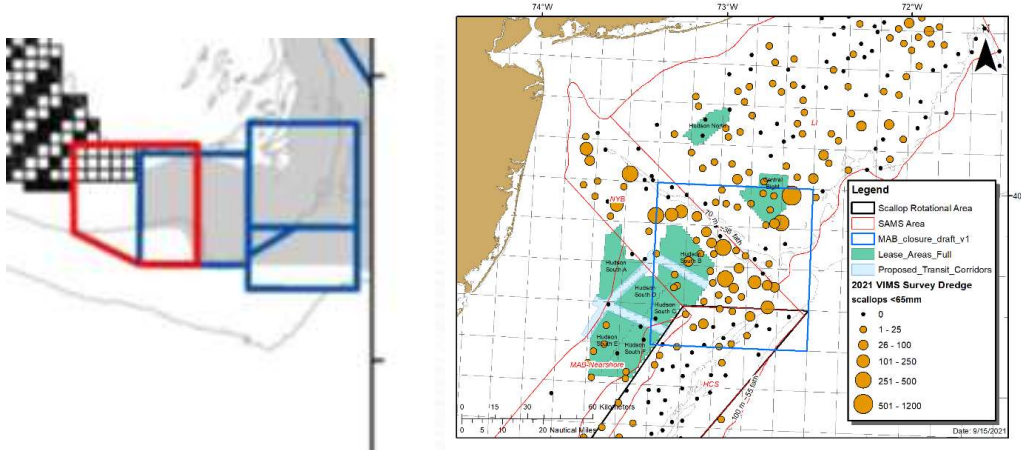
Rationale: The rectangular area captures the bulk of the observed small scallops. These would be scallop closures and should be revisited.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Recuse
Scallop AP				
James Gutowski (Chair)				
Eric Hansen (VC)	YES			
Wes Brighton				
Cassie Canastra	YES			
Tom Coley	YES			
Jay Elsner	YES			
Ronnie Enoksen	YES			
Brent Fulcher	YES			
Kirk Larson	YES			
Brady Lybarger	YES			
Michael Marchetti				
Ben Martens	YES			
Bob Maxwell	YES			
Chris Merl	YES			
Ed Mullis	YES			
Kristen Porter	YES			
Charlie Quinn	YES			
Paul Vafides	YES			
TOTAL VOTE	15	0	0	0

Motion 6: Fulcher/Mullis

The AP recommends that the Committee task the PDT to analyze open area DAS:

- Three options: F=0.36 and 24 DAS and F=0.3
- MAAA reverts to Open Bottom
- Two New Closed Areas:
 - MA/NYB (Sam A) Area (bottom right) – boundaries based on PDT analyses
 - NLW/NW (Ron S) Area (bottom left) – boundaries based on PDT analyses



	Yes	No	Abstain	Recuse
Scallop AP				
James Gutowski (Chair)				
Eric Hansen (VC)	YES			
Wes Brighton				
Cassie Canastra	YES			
Tom Coley	YES			
Jay Elsner	YES			
Ronnie Enoksen	YES			
Brent Fulcher	YES			
Kirk Larson	YES			
Brady Lybarger	YES			
Michael Marchetti				
Ben Martens	YES			
Bob Maxwell	YES			
Chris Merl	YES			
Ed Mullis	YES			
Kristen Porter	YES			
Charlie Quinn	YES			
Paul Vafides	YES			
TOTAL VOTE	15	0	0	0

Motion 7: Porter/Martens

Recommend that the Committee task the PDT to analyze a TAL for the NGOM of at F=0.15, F=0.18 and F=0.20 using only the Stellwagen Bank area of interest.

Rationale: To be cautious as the scallop biomass in the Stellwagen portion of the NGOM is made up of relatively young scallops. Most fishing will happen on Stellwagen Bank in 2022 if it is opened.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Recuse
Scallop AP				
James Gutowski (Chair)				
Eric Hansen (VC)	YES			
Wes Brighton				
Cassie Canastra	YES			
Tom Coley	YES			
Jay Elsner	YES			
Ronnie Enoksen	YES			
Brent Fulcher	YES			
Kirk Larson	YES			
Brady Lybarger	YES			
Michael Marchetti				
Ben Martens	YES			
Bob Maxwell	YES			
Chris Merl	YES			
Ed Mullis	YES			
Kristen Porter	YES			
Charlie Quinn	YES			
Paul Vafides		NO		
TOTAL VOTE	14	1	0	0

Motion 8: Hansen/Fulcher

Recommend that the Committee maintain the status quo for LAGC IFQ AA trip counting and not transition to using pounds to monitor the areas.

Rationale: The current system is working well. The LAGC IFQ does not lose pounds, they can fish the allocation in different areas or the open bottom.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Recuse
Scallop AP				
James Gutowski (Chair)				
Eric Hansen (VC)	YES			
Wes Brighton				
Cassie Canastra	YES			
Tom Coley	YES			
Jay Elsner	YES			
Ronnie Enoksen	YES			
Brent Fulcher	YES			
Kirk Larson	YES			
Brady Lybarger	YES			
Michael Marchetti				
Ben Martens	YES			
Bob Maxwell	YES			
Chris Merl			Abstain	
Ed Mullis	YES			
Kristen Porter	YES			
Charlie Quinn	YES			
Paul Vafides		NO		
TOTAL VOTE	13	1	1	0

9. By consensus: Recommend that the Committee move to add the following topic as a possible work item for 2022:

Add: “Predator management” to “#28. Develop management and policy approaches for scallop seeding and grow out.”

Rationale: This could include the development of other fisheries (moon snails) or just controlling larval predators.

Passed by unanimous consent.

Motion 10: Larson/Fulcher

Recommend that the Committee move to add the following topic as a possible work item for 2022:

Add: “Revisit the DAS clock counting system to address changes in resource distribution.”

Rationale: Scallop resource is to the east on Georges Bank. DAS clock system currently creates a disincentive for vessels to bring trips back to NJ to land their open area trips. Trying to make DAS usage more uniform for vessels fishing out of New Bedford and points in the Mid-Atlantic.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Recuse
Scallop AP				
James Gutowski (Chair)				
Eric Hansen (VC)	YES			
Wes Brighton				
Cassie Canastra	YES			
Tom Coley		NO		
Jay Elsner	YES			
Ronnie Enoksen	YES			
Brent Fulcher	YES			
Kirk Larson	YES			
Brady Lybarger	YES			
Michael Marchetti				
Ben Martens	YES			
Bob Maxwell	YES			
Chris Merl	YES			
Ed Mullis	YES			
Kristen Porter	YES			
Charlie Quinn				
Paul Vafides	YES			
TOTAL VOTE	13	1	0	0

Motion 11: Vafides/Merl

Recommend that the Committee develop measures in FW34 that would allow all LAGC permitted vessels to land 400 pounds per trip against the NGOM Set-Aside, if Amendment 21 is approved by NMFS.

Rationale: The NGOM area is not profitable for LAGC IFQ vessels at 200 lbs per trip. IFQ vessels need to use quota when fishing in the NGOM, and may have to lease pounds.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Recuse
Scallop AP				
James Gutowski (Chair)				
Eric Hansen (VC)		NO		
Wes Brighton				
Cassie Canastra				
Tom Coley		NO		
Jay Elsner		NO		
Ronnie Enoksen		NO		
Brent Fulcher		NO		
Kirk Larson		NO		
Brady Lybarger		NO		
Michael Marchetti				
Ben Martens		NO		
Bob Maxwell		NO		
Chris Merl	YES			
Ed Mullis		NO		
Kristen Porter		NO		
Charlie Quinn				
Paul Vafides	YES			
TOTAL VOTE	2	11	0	0

Motion 12: Hansen/Fulcher

The AP recommends the Scallop committee makes a motion that urges the Groundfish committee and the Council to set the ACL for GBYT at 0.

Rationale: Catch and landings of GBYT are at historic lows and diminish, with only 14 mt caught last year. There is no longer a directed fishery for the species and there is nearly no income (\$15,000) generated from the catch of GBYT. However, GBYT acts as an unnecessary constraint under the current management regime to scalloping and ground fishing on Georges Bank. According to the surveys, there is currently 4 times the amount of scallop biomass on GB as there is in the Mid-Atlantic, making GB essential to the scallop fishery going forward. If the GBYT ACL is set at zero, all landings are banned and all incentive to catch the stock is removed. Given the limited status of the GBYT resource, it is in the best interest of the entire fishing industry to remove any incentive to catch GBYT. If the ACL is set at zero, then then under the national standard guidelines there is no need for the Council to enact additional accountability measures as long as the catch stays at its current low levels.

	Yes	No	Abstain	Recuse
Scallop AP				
James Gutowski (Chair)				
Eric Hansen (VC)	YES			
Wes Brighton				
Cassie Canastra				
Tom Coley	YES			
Jay Elsner	YES			
Ronnie Enoksen	YES			
Brent Fulcher	YES			
Kirk Larson	YES			
Brady Lybarger	YES			
Michael Marchetti				
Ben Martens			Abstain	
Bob Maxwell	YES			
Chris Merl				
Ed Mullis	YES			
Kristen Porter	YES			
Charlie Quinn				
Paul Vafides		NO		
TOTAL VOTE	10	1	1	0

The meeting ended at 5:15 p.m.