



New England Fishery Management Council Scallop AP Meeting Motions

October 28, 2014

Providence, RI

Framework 26

1. Fletcher/

AP recommends that transiting be allowed through ETA closed area, if closed by FW26.

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2. Maxwell/Fletcher

AP recommends that transiting be allowed through ETA closed area with gear stowed, if the area is closed by FW26.

Vote: 3:7:4, motion fails

3. Keese/

If a no transit alternative is adopted in FW26 for ETA, the AP recommends that LAGC vessels be exempt from that provision for 2015 only.

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4. Hansen/Welch

AP supports status quo for GB closures in terms of transit rules (transiting allowed for NL extension and no transiting allowed for CA2 south) and prohibit transit for all vessels in ETA closure if adopted.

Vote: 8:3:3, motion passes

By consensus:

The AP wishes to convey to the Committee that the AP is concerned that the model is potentially not picking up the expected benefit of the ETA closure alternative, based on projections brought to the meeting (Document 4a).

5. Bailey/Welch

Recommend the Committee include Option 4 in FW26: allocate a poundage equivalent to the proportion of catch from access areas overall.

Vote: 13:0:1, carries

6. Lybarger/Larson

AP supports PDT recommendation for default measures: default measures for FT LA vessels to be a minimum of 20 DAS.

Vote: 14:0:0, unanimous

7. Gutowski/Maxwell

AP does not support seasonal closures of MA access areas to increase overall scallop yield in FW26.

Vote: 14:0:0, carries

8. Hatch/Maxwell

Recommend the Committee include in FW26 an alternative that would allow any LA vessel from VA or NC on an open area trip to clock out at VMS demarcation line south of Cape May (same place vessels clock in, i.e. Delaware Bay). Same requirements would apply as described in VMS corridor alternative (a-e).

Vote: 14:0:0, carries

Other Business

9. Welch/Quinn

Recommend the Committee request the Council consider alternative rulemaking strategies to get specifications in the scallop fishery in place before the start of the fishing year (March 1).

Vote: 14:0:0, unanimous