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Members of the Scallop Advisory Panel and Scallop Committee,

% Deirdre Boelke, NEFMC Staff

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Dear Scallop AP and Committee Members :

I am writing you to ask that you continue to prioritize correction of the problem that currently exists preventing NGOM scallop fishermen from participating in Maine's state waters fishery if the NGOM TAC is reached. I know you've received many comments on this before so I won't duplicate them beyond reminding you of the importance of the state waters fishery to me, my crew and our families, as well as many other federally permitted Maine scallop fishermen. As the resource in both Maine state and Federal waters continues to grow, this issue will become more and more problematic, so I urge you to correct it in FW 26. I made comments regarding this issue in a letter dated September 20, 2014 and forwarded to you all at that time. That letter spells out my preference on how I would like to see this matter proceed. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,
Ira Miller