



Scallop Committee Meeting
November 14, 2013
Omni – Providence, RI

4. Scallops – November 20, 2013

#1

Committee members in attendance: MaryBeth Tooley (Chair), Mark Alexander, David Pierce, Dave Preble, John Bullard, Rick Robins (vice-Chair), John Quinn, Laura Ramsden, Mike Sissenwine, and Peter Kendall.
NEFMC Staff: Deirdre Boelke, Demet Haksever, and Tom Nies
There were about 30 people in the audience.

Meeting Motions

Framework 25

1. Preble/Ramsden

Add a specification alternative in FW25 to adopt AP Motion 1.

Vote: 9:0:0, carries

2. Pierce/Preble:

Remove Alternative 3 from FW25 for specifications.

2a. Motion to amend: Quinn/Kendall

Modify Alternative 3 so that it would include 23 DAS per FT vessel, one 12,000 pound trip in NL or CA2 and either: 1) one 12,000 pound trip in Delmarva; or 2) 5 DAS in open areas.

Vote: 9:0:0, carries

Main motion: 9:0:0, carries

3. Robins/Bullard

Add a specific option in FW25 that includes closing Delmarva for FY2014 (in combination with higher open area F target).

Vote: 9:0:0, carries

4. Robins/Ramsden

Include AP Motion 5 as well as PDT recommendation to prohibit RSA compensation fishing in NL and Delmarva.

Vote: 9:0:0, carries

5. Robins/Kendall

Include 1) seasonal limitation on Delmarva access area trips from June 1- August 31, or three months after implementation of FW25, and 2) restrict crew limits to be consistent with open area limits

Vote: 9:0:0, carries

6. Pierce/Robins

Include a new alternative 4 in FW25 that would allow unused CA1 trips to be used in expanded CA1 pending expansion in EFH action.

Motion withdrawn

2014 Priorities

7. Pierce/Quinn

The Scallop Committee supports the Executive Committee recommendations for 2014 work priorities.

Vote: 8:0:0, carries

Other Business

8. Ramsden/Quinn

Support the AP motion #10 and recommend to the Council that they recommend the issue of discard and incidental mortality used in the scallop assessment and its implications on catch advice and landings be highlighted as a high priority for SARC59 including the list of issues described in AP motion #10.

Vote: 8:0:0, carries

By consensus the Scallop Committee requests the Council draft a letter regarding AP Motion 12 – add dredge type to paper and electronic VTRs.

By consensus the Scallop Committee requests that the Council consider drafting a letter to NMFS requesting they reconsider the ESA ruling on the chain mat line to be consistent with the turtle deflector dredge boundary.