

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Scallops

I. STATUS

- A. Framework Adjustment 18: Final rule is expected to be published soon.
- B. Amendment 11: The Council approved goals and objectives for Amendment 11 at the April 2006 Council meeting, as well as an allocation range to be considered for the general category fishery. The Scallop PDT and advisory panels have met since the last Council meeting to review and develop additional recommendations for consideration. The Scallop Committee has reviewed these recommendations and approved a final range of measures to be considered by the full Council at this meeting.

The Scientific and Statistical Committee has met to review updated biological reference points developed by the Scallop PDT. These estimates will be available for decision makers during development of Amendment 11.

II. MEETINGS

- Both Scallop advisory panels met in May: General Category Scallop Advisory Panel on Tuesday, May 2 and there was a Joint Advisory Panel meeting on Wednesday, May 3.
- The Scallop Survey Advisory Committee met on Thursday, May 4.
- The Scallop Plan Development Team met on Monday, May 8.
- The Scallop Committee met on May 16 and May 17.
- The SSC met to review scallop biological reference points on June 1.

III. COUNCIL ACTION

Review and approve range of alternatives to be considered in Amendment 11.

IV. INFORMATION

1. Draft list of management alternatives for Amendment 11
2. Meeting summaries from the advisory panel meetings (May 2/3)
3. Meeting summary from the Survey Advisory Committee meeting (May 4)
4. Meeting summary from the Scallop PDT meeting (May 8)
5. Draft Meeting summary from the Scallop Committee meeting (May 16/17)
6. Summary table of potential management alternatives (*to be handed out*)
7. Packet of preliminary data for alternatives under consideration (*to be handed out*)
8. Report from the SSC regarding updated biological reference points (*to be handed out*)
9. Correspondence