

DRAFT SCALLOP COMMITTEE MOTIONS
APRIL 2, 2009
PROVIDENCE, RI

REVISIONS TO ACL SECTION OF DEIS INCLUDING ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES (AMs)

Motion 1: Cunningham/Robins:

To Include Option B as the final ACL flowchart alternative in A15. Move option A to considered and rejected section.

Vote: 7:2:0, motion carries

Motion 2: Robins/Avila

Amend the document to reflect input from SSC within ACL section.

Vote: 9:0, motion carries unanimously

Motion 3: Tooley/Avila

Accept PDT recommendation for general category AM – as described on page 40 in Document #2.

Request PDT to further consider issues that may come up with this AM – i.e. what if a vessel exceeds quota it leased.

Vote: 8:0:1, motion carries

Motion 4: Cunningham/Spitsbergen

Accept PDT recommendation concerning limited access AMs (page 40 of document #2), with the exception of the disclaimer.

Intent as part of the motion – to have PDT continue to think about disclaimer idea

Motion 4a: Motion to substitute: Robins/Spitsbergen

Accept PDT recommendation concerning limited access AMs

(page 40 of document #2), and request PDT to develop further analysis and justification for the disclaimer.

Vote: 9:0:0, motion carries unanimously

Vote on Main Motion: 9:0:0, motion carries unanimously

Motion 5: Cunningham/Preble

Accept NGOM AM as recommended by the PDT.

Vote: 9:0:0, motion carries unanimously

Motion 6: Cunningham/Avila

Request that the PDT develop a fifth option under YT AMs that builds on bullet four and include adjustments in possession limits for access area trips (and allocation of individual DAS allocations by YT stock area) and adjustments in DAS based on projected YT ACL with an effort to minimize derby fisheries.

PDT should not further develop bullet #1.

Motion 6a: Motion to split: Tooley/Avila

8:0:1, motion carries unanimously

First half of split motion:

Request that the PDT develop a fifth option under YT AMs that builds on bullet four and include adjustments in possession limits for access area trips and adjustments in DAS based on projected YT ACL with an effort to minimize derby fisheries, e.g. allocation of individual DAS allocations by YT stock area

Vote: 8:0:1, motion carries unanimously

Second half of split motion:

PDT should not further develop bullet #1 (only 2 and 3).

Vote: 9:0:0, motion carries unanimously

Motion 7: Robins/Preble

Move to amend Option A and Option B (Document #2 page 34 and 35) to establish separate ACTs for the LA and LAGC IFQ fisheries, and apply corrective AMs only if the respective ACLs are exceeded.

Vote: 9:0:0, motion carries unanimously

OTHER OUTSTANDING ISSUES

Motion 8: Tooley/Avila

Move alternatives in Section 3.3.3.3 to considered and rejected section (alternatives to limit effort in other fisheries from vessels that have leased scallop DAS and/or access area trips).

Vote: 9:0:0, motion carries unanimously

Motion 9: Preble/Avila

Council include an alternative in A15 to allow LAGC permit owners to permanently transfer IFQ permit and associated allocation independent of all other permits. The only vessels that could participate would be vessels already with LAGC IFQ permits, both LA and GC vessels that have already qualified for a LAGC IFQ permit.

Vote: 8:0:1, motion carries

Motion 10: Preble/Avila

Include an alternative in A15 to allow LAGC IFQ permit owners to permanently transfer some or all quota allocation independent from their IFQ permit to another LAGC IFQ permit holder, while retaining the permit itself.

Vote: 8:0:1, motion carries

Motion 11: Cunningham/Avila

Accept PDT recommendation for potential issues to be considered in FW21 (Issues #1-4 in Document #5).

Vote: 9:0:0, motion carries unanimously

Motion 12: Cunningham/Preble

Committee accepts Scallop RSA priorities with the following changes: 1) item #3 be moved to highest priority level and remove the word “groundfish” to include “all managed” species; 2) elevate #6 to medium or higher priority.

The remaining priorities would be equal under other priorities.

Vote: 9:0:0, motion carries unanimously

Motion 13: Avila/Preble

This Committee recommends that the Council consider two specific EFP applications reviewed today and consider recommending that NMFS consider that the exemptions may be justified.

Motion 13a: Motion to move question:

Vote: 7:0:0, motion carries unanimously

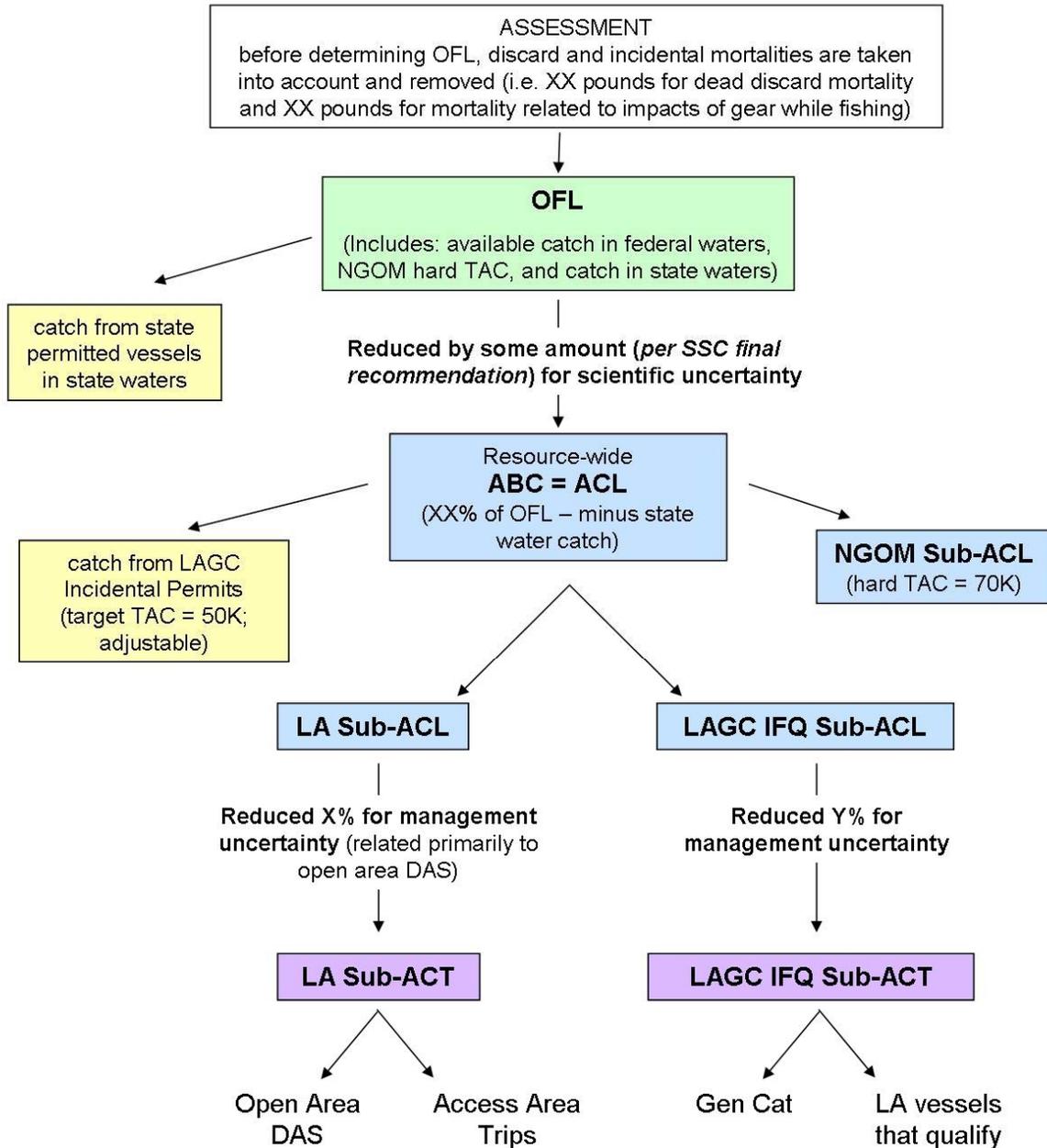
Vote on main motion: 6:0:2, motion carries

POTENTIAL ACL FLOWCHART REVISION BASED ON MOTION 7 (completed after the Scallop Committee meeting)

Two options are presented: main difference between them is that in Option A the NGOM ACL is from Overall ABC/ACL, and in Option B the NGOM ACL is removed directly from OFL.

Option A

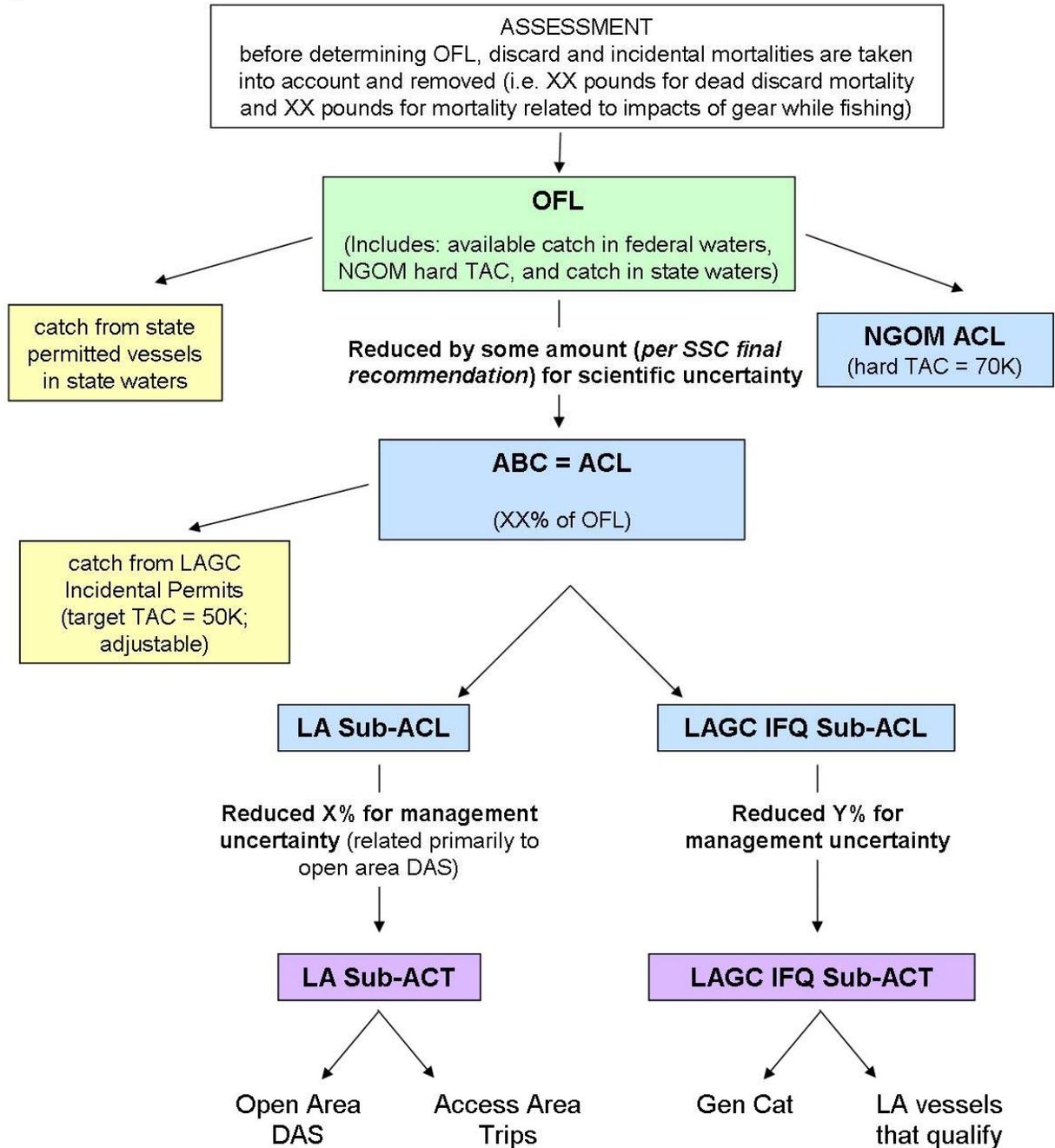
RULE: OFL > ABC = ACL > ACT



* It should be noted that no changes will be made to how the TAC and DAS are allocated for the research and observer set-aside programs. Research and observer set-asides for the access areas are based on a percentage of the scallop fishery's allocation, so these two programs will be allocated a percentage of the ACT from the LA and LAGC fisheries. Additionally, research and observer set-asides for the open areas will be allocated a percentage from the LA fishery's ACT. Catch is relatively small for both programs, and is not expected to contribute to management uncertainty above the recommended ACT buffers.

Option B

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