

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF FW25 MEASURES AND INPUT FROM PDT, AP, AND COMMITTEE

Decision # (FW25 page #)	Description	PDT input since December Council Meeting	AP and Committee input on preferred alternatives
DECISIONS RELATED TO FISHERY SPECIFICATIONS – SECTION 2.1			
SECTION 2.1.3 1. Specification Scenario (Alternatives 1-6) (pages 20-28)	FW25 considering 6 overall allocation alternatives. All have the same LAGC IFQ and set-asides. But LA sub-ACT varies for each including the number of DAS and access area trips. For a comparison of alternatives See Table 1 at the end of this decision document	PDT has developed and analyzed Alt4 – Alt6 based on Council motions in December. While finalizing alternatives PDT identified several issues that need to be clarified. Committee has recommendations for each. 1. Default measures for FY2015 2. Would Part-time LA vessels be able to trade Delmarva trip into DAS 3. Clarifications for Delmarva flexibility	Committee clarified three issues related to specifications: 1. Default measures – <u>Motion 1</u> 2. Do not allow PT LA vessels to convert Delmarva trips 3. <u>By consensus – approve PDT language on page 23</u> Both AP and Committee support Alternative 4 as preferred (Alternative 2.1.3.4) <u>Committee Motion 3</u>
SECTION 2.1.3.7 2. Measures to protect recruitment within NL (p.29 - 32)	Option 1 – no restriction within NL Option 2 – restrict access to northern part of NL to protect recruitment in southern area		Both AP and Committee support Alternative 2.1.3.7.1 Option 1 – no restriction in NL <u>Committee Motion 4</u>
SECTION 2.1.3.8 3. Additional measures to reduce mortality on smaller scallops in NL and/or Delmarva (p.32-33)	No Action – no additional measures Alt 2 – Prohibit RSA in NL Alt 3 – Prohibit RSA in Del Alt 4 – Limit access in Del from June-August only Alt 5 – Restrict crew limits in Delmarva		Both AP and Committee support Alternatives 2,3,4 and 5 as preferred <u>Committee Motion 5</u>
SECTION 2.1.3.9 4. Measures to address unused Closed Area I access area trips (p. 34-37)	No Action – no rollover Alt 2 – Rollover to CA1 Alt 3 – Rollover to open areas <i>Sub-options considered – See Table 11 page 37 of FW25</i>	4. Should all unharvested catch be available from 2012 trips or should there be a minimum poundage be considered? <i>See Table 10 on page 35</i>	AP and Cmte clarified the issue identified by the PDT <u>Committee Motion 6</u>

<p>SECTION 2.1.4.3</p> <p>5. Allocation of fleetwide access area trip allocations for LAGC fishery</p> <p>(p. 38-39)</p>	<p>Option 1 – 5.5% of each area TAC to LAGC fishery</p> <p>Option 2 – 5.5% of each area TAC but prorate CA2 trips</p> <p><i>See Table 13 on page 39</i></p>		<p>Both AP and Committee support Option 2 in Section 2.1.4.3 as preferred</p> <p><u>Committee Motion 7</u></p>
<p>SECTION 2.1.5</p> <p>6. NGOM hard-TAC</p> <p>(p. 40)</p>	<p>No Action – 70,000 pounds</p> <p>Alt 2 – 58,000 pounds</p>		<p>Both AP and Committee support No Action for Section 2.1.5 (70,000 pounds) as preferred</p> <p><u>Committee Motion 8</u></p>
<p>DECISIONS RELATED TO WP AM ALTERNATIVES</p>			
<p>SECTION 2.2</p> <p>7. AMs for SNE/MA windowpane flounder</p> <p>(p. 41 – 48 as well as Document #8)</p>	<p>No Action – No AMs for scallop fishery</p> <p>Alt 2 – seasonal closed areas</p> <p>Alt 3 – seasonal gear restricted areas</p> <p>Alt 4 – proactive gear modification</p>	<p>5. PDT has finalized the AM area and seasons. AP and Cmte input needed.</p> <p>PDT has also clarified some of the AM details about when AMs go into effect etc. (page 45 of FW25)</p>	<p>Both AP and Committee support Alternative 3 and 4 as preferred for Section 2.2</p> <p>Clarified the area and season for the AM Area - all waters west of 71 W, not including scallop access areas</p> <p>Season – Month of February if overage >0 and <20%</p> <p>Month of Feb and March if overage >20%</p> <p><u>Committee Motions 9 and 10</u></p> <p><u>By consensus – support general details about AM described on page 45</u></p>



New England Fishery Management Council
DRAFT Scallop Committee Meeting Motions

January 22, 2014

Omni – Providence, RI

Committee members in attendance: MaryBeth Tooley (Chair), Mark Alexander, Dave Preble, Peter Christopher, Rick Robins (vice-Chair), John Quinn, Laura Ramsden, Mike Sissenwine, and Peter Kendall.

1. Preble/Alexander

Accept the AP consensus statement related to default measures for FY2015:

AP Consensus: AP supports default measures for FY2015 for both LA and LAGC fisheries presented by the PDT (75% of projected DAS for LA vessels and 100% of projected LAGC sub-ACL for IFQ allocations)

Vote: 7:0:0, carries

2. Alexander/Kendall

Allow Part-time limited access vessels to convert Delmarva access area trips to open area DAS, and the conversion should be 5DAS for any Part-time vessel that converts.

Vote: 3:4:1, fails

By Consensus: The Committee supports the language drafted by the PDT about how Delmarva trip flexibility would work (page21). The Committee agrees that the broken trip provision for Delmarva trips should remain the same – unused trips need to be used in the first 60 days of the following fishing year. Vessels would have the opportunity to make the choice whether to fish in Delmarva or receive open area DAS within the first 90 days after FW25 is implemented.

3. Quinn/Ramsden

The Scallop Committee recommends Alternative 4 in Section 2.1.3.4 as preferred for FW25 specifications.

Vote: 8:0:0, carries

4. Kendall/Quinn

The Scallop Committee recommends No Action for Section 2.1.3.7 – no restriction on fishing location within Nantucket Lightship access area.

Vote: 8:0:0, carries

5. Robins/Preble

The Scallop Committee recommends Alternatives 2, 3, 4, and 5 as preferred for Section 2.1.3.8 – Additional measures to reduce mortality on smaller scallops in Nantucket Lightship and Delmarva.

Vote: 8:0:0, carries

6. Quinn/Kendall

The Scallop Committee recommends AP motion #5 and #6 relative to use of unused 2012 and 2013 Closed Area I trips be preferred for Framework 25.

AP Motion 5

Support Alternative 2, Option 2, Sub-option C for unused 2012 CA1 trips.

Unused 2012 CA1 trips could be used in CA1 access area when it reopens after the EFH Omnibus Action is implemented. Clarify that this would be limited to vessels that submitted a broken trip adjustment sheet and qualify for a broken trip only.

AP Motion 6

Support Alternative 2, Option 1, Sub-option C for unused 2013 CA1 trips.

Unused 2013 CA1 trips could be used in CA1 when it reopens after the EFH Omnibus Action is implemented. Clarify that vessels do not have to submit a broken trip adjustment sheet for unused 2013 trips, per recent email from NERO.

Vote: 8:0:0, carries

7. Kendall/Ramsden

The Scallop Committee recommends Option 2 in Section 2.1.4.3 related to allocation of fleetwide access area trip allocations for the LAGC fishery as preferred.

Vote: 8:0:0, carries

8. Kendall/Preble

The Scallop Committee recommends No Action for Section 2.1.5 for the Hard-TAC for the NGOM, 70,000 pounds as preferred.

Vote: 8:0:0, carries

9. Preble/Sissenwine

The Scallop Committee recommends Alternative 2.2.3 be the preferred alternative for the SNE/MA windowpane flounder AM for the scallop fishery. Alternative 2.2.3 is a reactive seasonal gear restricted area AM; the AM area shall be all waters west of 71 W, not including scallop access areas. If AMs are triggered and the overage by the scallop fishery is estimated to >0 and <20% the AM would be in place for the month of February. If the overage is over 20% the AM season would be for the months of February and March.

Vote: 8:0:0, carries

10. Robins/Preble

Also adopt Alternative 4 as preferred; a proactive WP AM that would prohibit a scallop dredge vessel from having more than 7 rows of rings in the apron of a scallop dredge in all waters west of 71W, excluding Mid-Atlantic access areas.

Vote: 8:0:0, carries

By consensus, the Scallop Committee agrees with the text drafted on page 43 in Framework 25 related to WP AM details, specifically when AMs are triggered and when AMs go into effect).

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By Consensus: AP supports default measures for FY2015 for both LA and LAGC fisheries presented by the PDT (75% of projected DAS for LA vessels and 100% of projected LAGC sub-ACL for IFQ allocations)

1. Gutowski/Hansen

Include flexibility for LA PT and Occasional vessels for DAS tradeoff for Delmarva trip. PDT should determine the appropriate DAS conversion for these vessels to equate the possession limits they had for individual access area trips.

Vote: 7:1:1, carries

By Consensus: Support language drafted by the PDT about how Delmarva trip flexibility would work (page21 of Draft FW25). Specifically, AP recommends that the broken trip provision for Delmarva trips remain the same – unused trips need to be used in the first 60 days of the following fishing year.

2. Hansen/Gutowski

Recommend that Alternative 2.1.3.4 (Alternative 4) “basic run with increased target F in open areas to bring total catch to 2013 level, with flexibility to use DAS instead of Delmarva trip” is selected as the preferred alternative under specifications for LA vessels in FW25.

Vote: 7:1:1, carries

3. Fletcher/Larson

AP supports No Action for Section 2.1.3.7 – no boundary within NL access area at 40.5 N.

Vote: 9:0:0, carries

4. Gutowski/Larson

AP recommends including several measures in Section 2.1.3.8

1. Prohibit RSA compensation fishing in NL and Del, FY2014 only
2. Fishing in Delmarva should be limited between June1-Aug31, or 3 months after FW25 implemented, FY2014 only
3. Support open area crew limits in Delmarva, FY2014 only

Vote: 8:1:0, carries

5. Hansen/Bailey

Support Alternative 2, Option 2, Sub-option C for unused 2012 CA1 trips.

Unused 2012 CA1 trips could be used in CA1 access area when it reopens after the EFH Omnibus Action is implemented. Clarify that this would be limited to vessels that submitted a broken trip adjustment sheet and qualify for a broken trip only.

Vote: 8:0:1, carries

6. Hansen/Larson

Support Alternative 2, Option 1, Sub-option C for unused 2013 CA1 trips.

Unused 2013 CA1 trips could be used in CA1 when it reopens after the EFH Omnibus Action is implemented. Clarify that vessels do not have to submit a broken trip adjustment sheet for unused 2013 trips, per recent email from NERO. Vote: 8:0:1, carries

7. Keese/Marchetti
AP recommends Option 2 for Section 2.1.4.3 – prorate LAGC fleetwide CA2 access area trips into NL and Delmarva.
Vote: 9:0:0, carries
8. Fletcher/Maxwell
Recommend No Action for NGOM hard-TAC of 70,000 pounds be preferred (Alternative 2.1.5.1).
Vote: 9:0:0, carries
9. Fletcher/Keese
Vessels be required to stop dredges before hauling back for 2-3 minutes as an AM.
Vote: 1:3:5, fails
10. Gutowski/Maxwell
Recommend as a preferred alternative for WP AM - Alternative 3 – seasonal gear restricted AM, and specify that the AM area is all waters west of 71 W.
Vote: 7:1:1, carries
11. Gutowski/Larson
Define the gear restricted area AM season to be:
If AMs are triggered and the estimate of WP catch by the scallop fishery is <0 – 20% over the sub-ACL the gear modification AM would be for the month of February. If AMs are triggered and the estimate of WP catch by the scallop fishery is >20% over the sub-ACL the gear modification AM would be for the months of February and March.
Vote: 9:0:0, carries
12. Marchetti/Keese
AP recommends removal of Alternative 2 for WP AM seasonal closed area from consideration in FW25.
Vote: 7:0:2, carries.
13. Hansen/Gutowski
AP supports Option 2 as preferred for Section 2.2.3 – scallop trawl vessels would be prohibited within the seasonal gear restricted area for the time of year the AM is effective.
Vote: 6:1:1, carries - Chair voted as two members left due to weather
14. Gutowski/Hansen
AP recommends the Committee also include Alternative 4 under SNE/MA WP AMs – proactive measure to implement a maximum of seven rows in the apron of a dredge to minimize chances of exceeding any flatfish sub-ACLs, but the AP recommends that the alternative be modified so that this proactive AM only applies to waters west of 71 W.
Vote: 6:1:1, carries – Chair did not vote as one member returned to room

Summary of 2014 FW25 specification alternatives and allocations under consideration

	Alt 1	Alt 2	Alt 3	Alt 4	Alt 5	Alt 6
Description of Alternative	No Action Default measures set in FW24	Basic run with OFD principles	Basic run with OFD principles - but choice for Delmarva	Basic run but increase target F in OA to bring catch to 2013 levels - choice for Delmarva	Basic run but increase target F in OA to limit 2015 DAS reduction - choice for Delmarva	Increase target F in OA to bring catch to 2013 levels - keep Delmarva closed
FT LA DAS	23 DAS (OA F=0.38)	23 DAS (OA F=0.38)	23 DAS (OA F=0.40) Vessel Choice: 1) DEL trip or 2) 5 additional DAS (total of 28 DAS)	31 DAS (OA F=0.52) Vessel Choice: 1) DEL trip or 2) 5 additional DAS (total of 36 DAS)	28 DAS (OA F=0.48) Vessel Choice: 1) DEL trip or 2) 5 additional DAS (total of 33 DAS)	37 DAS (OA F=0.62)
PT LA DAS	9 DAS	9 DAS	9 DAS	12 DAS	11 DAS	15 DAS
# of FT AA trips	0	2	2 or 1	2 or 1	2 or 1	1
# of PT AA trips	0	1*	1*	1*	1*	1*
NL	closed	Open (116 trips) (632 mt) (12,000 FT Poss limit)	Open (116 Trips) (632 mt) (12,000 FT Poss limit)	Open (116 Trips) (632 mt) (12,000 FT Poss limit)	Open (116 Trips) (632 mt) (12,000 FT Poss limit)	Open (116 Trips) (632 mt) (12,000 FT Poss limit)
CA2	closed	Open (197 trips) (1073 mt) (12,000 FT Poss limit)	Open (197 trips) (1073 mt) (12,000 FT Poss limit)	Open (197 trips) (1073 mt) (12,000 FT Poss limit)	Open (197 trips) (1073 mt) (12,000 FT Poss limit)	Open (197 trips) (1073 mt) (12,000 FT Poss limit)
DEL	closed	Open (313 trips) (1993 mt) (12,000 FT Poss limit)	Open But vessels have choice to fish there OR 5 OA DAS	Open But vessels have choice to fish there OR 5 OA DAS	Open But vessels have choice to fish there OR 5 OA DAS	closed
Total AA (mt)	0	3,744	1,751 - 3,744	1,751 - 3,744	1,751 - 3,744	1,751
Gen Cat	2.77 mil 1,258 mt	2.42 mil 1,099 mt	2.42 mil 1,099 mt	2.42 mil 1,099 mt	2.42 mil 1,099 mt	2.42 mil 1,099 mt
Total catch (Total F)	23.8 mil 10,798 mt (Total F = 0.10)	31.7 mil 14,364 mt (Total F = 0.18)	31.7 mil 14,396 mt (Total F = 0.17)	38.5 mil 17,447 mt (Total F = 0.21)	35.9 mil 16,306 mt (Total F = 0.19)	37.9 mil 17,178 mt (Total F = 0.18)

* Part – time vessels are awarded 40% of a FT vessel allocation in terms of the combination of DAS and access area trips. Therefore, the PT access area allocation is 1 trip at 9,600 pounds (equivalent to 40% of the two access area trips awarded to FT vessels at 12,000 pounds each – total of 24,000 pounds). Part-time vessels are allowed to decide which area to take their one access area trip from any area open that fishing year.