

Scallop Committee Meeting Motions – November 8, 2012

1. Pierce/Quinn

Move to recommend that the Council adopt Alternative 2 for FW24 specifications.

Vote: 4:0:4, motion carries

2. Pierce/Dempsey

Move to recommend that the Council adopt No Action regarding restriction on scallop RSA compensation fishing in Nantucket Lightship.

Vote: 6:1:1, motion carries

3. Dempsey/Preble

Move to include specification Alternative 4 in for consideration in FW24.

Vote: 7:0:1, motion carries

4. Dempsey/Ramsden

Move to recommend that the Council adopt Alternative 2.1.5.2 for limited access payback but adjust the open area DAS payback to 12 DAS for all limited access permit types. Also include language for LAGC IFQ payback as described in Section 2.1.5.3. Finally, do not adopt default language for LAGC IFQ vessels as described in Section 2.1.4.2.

Vote: 7:0:1, motion carries

5. Dempsey/Preble

Move to recommend that the Council adopt Alternative 2.1.4.2.2 and allocate 5.5% of all access area TACs to the LAGC IFQ fishery but prorate CA2 trips (Motion 6 from AP meeting).

Vote: 6:0:2, motion carries

6. Dempsey/Ramsden

Moved to recommend that the Council adopt No Action for LAGC Incidental catch TAC of 50,000 pounds and No Action for NGOM hard TAC of 70,000 pounds.

Vote: 7:0:1, motion carries

7. Dempsey/Ramsden

Move to recommend that the Council adopt Option 3B for GB access area seasons and not include Option 3a in FW24.

Vote: 6:0:2, motion carries

8. Dempsey/Preble

Move to recommend that the Council adopt Option 2.3.2 (allow transfer of LAGC IFQ during the year); as well as Option 2.4.2 (to include open area trips by LAGC vessels under current observer set-aside program); and finally Option 2.4.2.1.2 (observer set-aside would remain at 1% and would not be area specific).

Vote: 6:0:1, motion carries

9. Preble/Quinn

Move to adopt Motion 12 from the AP meeting related to LAGC trawl AM for SNE/MA YT if reliable data is available to make an in-season projection of YT catch. (AP Motion 12- If the in-season estimate of projected LAGC YT trawl scallop catch exceeds 10% of the total SNE/MA YT scallop fishery sub-ACL then prohibits trawl gear for LAGC vessels for the remainder of and the following fishing year. Vessels could switch to dredge gear at any time. If YT catch remains high for the LAGC trawl fishery then a future amendment should be developed to prohibit trawl gear.)

Vote: 4:1:2, motion carries

10. Dempsey/Quinn

Move to recommend that the Council adopt 2.2.2.3.1 (SNE/MA YT AM for the LAGC dredge fishery); 2.2.3.2 (YT AMs trigger in Year 2 if reliable data available or Year 3 after a full year of data available); and No Action for GB YT AM for the LAGC dredge fishery.

Vote: 5:0:2, motion carries

11. Quinn/

Move to recommend that the Council adopt AP motion 16 related to SNE/MA YT for 2013 (set the SNE/MA YT catch at 100% of the projected catch) and allocate 100% of projected catch for GB YT catch as well.

*Failed – no second*

Scallop Advisory Panel Motions – November 7, 2012

1. Hughes/Hatch

Move to recommend that the Committee adopt option 2.1.2.3 (Alternative 2). (Alternative 2 is the only alternative that fulfills the requirements of National Standard 1 to optimize yield of the scallop fishery and therefore is the only real choice in this scenario).

Vote: 5:0:3, motion carries

2. Hughes/Keese

That the Committee adopt No Action (2.1.2.3.1) regarding restriction on scallop RSA compensation fishing in Nantucket Lightship (No restriction on RSA catch from NL).

Vote: 6:0:2, motion carries

**\*\*\*By consensus the AP supports No Action for LAGC Incidental Catch hard TAC of 50,000 pounds \*\*\***

3. Fletcher/Hatch

The Advisory Panel (AP) recommends that the Committee adopts Alternative 2.1.7.1 No Action for NGOM hard TAC of 70,000 pounds.

Vote: 8:0:0, motion carries

4. Welch/Enoksen

Move to recommend that the Committee adopt 2.1.5.2 for a LA payback measure but adjust the payback from 10 DAS to 12 open area DAS for all LA permit types.

Vote: 6:1:1, motion carries

5. Parker/Keese

Move to recommend that the Committee support payback measures for LAGC IFQ described in Section 2.1.5.3 and oppose the idea described in Section 2.1.4.2 that would reduce IFQ in default year by 75% of projected allocation.

Vote: 7:0:1, motion carries

6. Keese/Hughes

Move to recommend that the Committee adopt alternative 2.1.4.2.2 and allocate 5.5% of the total access area TAC available and prorate LAGC IFQ trips proportionally in all areas open that year excluding CA2.

Vote: 6:0:1, motion carries

7. Enoksen/Hughes

Move to recommend that the Committee adopt Option 3B related to GB access area seasonal restrictions, but add 15 days on each end so the closure for Closed Area 2 (CA) would be from August 1 – November 30. CA1 and Nantucket Lightship would not have a seasonal restriction.

Vote: 0:4:2, motion fails

8. Enoksen/Hughes

Move to recommend that the Committee adopt Option 3B related to GB access area seasonal restrictions (CA2 closed Aug15-Nov15).

Vote: 6:0:2, motion carries

~~9. Keese/Marchetti~~

~~Recommend the Committee adopt option 3 for LAGC trawl AM for SNE/MA YT AM (prohibit trawl gear in SNE/MA YT stock area). Motion withdrawn~~

10. Keese/Marchetti

Move to recommend that the Committee adopt 2.2.2.3.1 (SNE/MA YT AM for LAGC dredge fishery).

Vote: 6:0:1, motion carries

11. Welch/Hughes

Move to recommend that the Committee adopt Alternative 2.2.3.2 – AMs trigger in Year 2 if reliable data is available or Year 3 after a full year of data is available.

Vote: 8:0:0, motion carries

12. Keese/Marchetti

Move to recommend if the in-season estimate of projected LAGC YT trawl scallop catch exceeds 10% of the total SNE/MA YT scallop fishery sub-ACL then prohibit trawl gear for LAGC vessels for the remainder of and the following fishing year. Vessels could switch to dredge gear at any time. If YT catch remains high for the LAGC trawl fishery then a future amendment should be developed to prohibit trawl gear.

Vote: 7:1:0, motion carries

13. Parker/Keese

Move to recommend that the Committee adopt 2.3.2 – allow transfer of LAGC IFQ during the year.

Vote: 8:0:0, motion carries

14. Hughes/Keese

Move to recommend that the Committee adopt option 2.4.2 to include open area trips by LAGC vessels under current observer set-aside program. And adopt 2.4.2.1.2 (observer set-aside would remain at 1% and would not be area specific). This would allow the fleet more flexibility to harvest compensation and avoid bycatch.

Vote: 6:0:2, motion carries

15. Hughes/Hatch

Move to recommend that the Committee consider forwarding to the Council that GB YT flounder be a non-allocated species (no allocations for any fishery).

Vote: 7:0:1, motion carries

16. Welch/Hughes

Move to recommend that the Scallop Committee support that the Council set the SNE/MA YT catch at 100% of the projected catch.

Vote: 6:0:2, motion carries