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2.2 NO ACTION (page 17)			
2.2.1	No action	Trip allocations for access area would roll over from FY 2009. TACs would remain as estimated in A11 and FW19.	
2.2.2	No action if IFQ program is not fully implemented by March 1, 2010	Allocation to the LAGC fishery is set at 10% instead of 5% under IFQs.	Not likely - NMFS still reports that IFQ implementation on track and should be implemented before March 1.
2.2.3	Measures in effect March 1, 2010 until FW21	ETA trips will be managed under the same regulations as 2009, OA days carry over until FW21 implemented.	Likely in place until June when FW21 can be implemented. Designed to prevent fishing higher than ultimate 2010 amount.
2.3	Acceptable Biological Catch	SSC recommends ABC = 29,578 mt (65.2 million lbs) in 2010.	No Action necessary. Council reviewed SSC report in September.
2.4 FW21 ALLOCATION SCENARIOS (page 21)			
	NCLF20	Status Quo - No closure in Channel, overall F=0.20 DAS=29; 1 trip in NL, 1 trip in Delmarva, 2 trips in ETA	
	NCLF24	No closure in Channel, overall F=0.24 DAS=38; 1 trip in NL, 1 trip in Delmarva, 2 trips in ETA	
	CLF20	New closure in Channel, overall F=0.20 DAS= 42; 1 trip in NL, 1 trip in Delmarva, 2 trips in ETA	Committee recommends this alternative be rejected.
	CLF18	New closure in Channel, overall F=0.18 DAS=51; 1 trip in NL, 1 trip in Delmarva, 2 trips in ETA	AP does not support closing the channel.
2.5 MEASURES FOR LIMITED ACCESS VESSELS (page 25)			
2.5.1.1	Adjustments when YTF catch reaches 10% TAC Limit	The proposed action includes an allocation of a certain # of open area DAS for a full-time vessel if the Nantucket Lightship Area closes in 2010 due to the YT TAC being reached.	No action necessary by the Council - these are all automatic measures.
2.5.1.2	TAC set-asides for observers (1%) and research (2%)	The percent of TAC and total DAS set aside for observers (1%) and research (2%) would be removed before allocations are set for limited access and general category fisheries.	
2.5.1.4	DAS adjustments if the LAGC IFQ program is not implemented by March 1, 2010	If the LAGC IFQ program is not fully implemented before March 1, 2010 the LAGC fishery is allocated 10% of the total projected scallop catch during the transition period to ITQs, compared to 5% so LA DAS have to be reduced - See Table 9 page 27.	

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2.6 MEASURES FOR GENERAL CATEGORY VESSELS (page 28)			
2.6.1	Measures if IFQ program is delayed		No action necessary by the Council - these are all automatic measures.
2.6.1.1	Quarterly hard-TAC for transition period to limited entry		
2.6.2	Georges Bank access area management	All four scenarios include access into Nantucket Lightship for both the LA and LAGC fleets. The LAGC fleet would be allocated 5% of the total projected catch for that area in the form of fleetwide trips.	
2.6.2.1	Yellowtail flounder bycatch TAC	Yellowtail flounder bycatch TAC is shared between the two fisheries; therefore, once the TAC is reached the area closes for both fleets.	
2.6.3	Mid-Atlantic access area management	All four scenarios include access into both Elephant Trunk and Delmarva for both the LA and LAGC fleets. The LAGC fleet would be allocated 5% of the total projected catch for both areas in the form of fleetwide trips.	
2.6.4	NGOM Hard-TAC	The PDT reviewed landings data from the VTR database and recommends that the hard-TAC for this area be 70,000 pounds for FY2010.	
2.6.5	Estimate of catch from LA incidental permits	The PDT recommends this target TAC remain at 50,000 pounds. This catch is removed before allocations to LA and LAGC fisheries.	
2.6.6	Allow leasing of partial general category IFQ allocations during the fishing year	IFQ would be lease-able in partial allocations (amounts greater than or equal to 100 lbs) during the fishing year.	Cmte included this as a potential alternative at their meeting on November 3 (see Motion 5)
2.7 CONSIDERATION OF NEW ROTATIONAL AREA IN THE GREAT SOUTH CHANNEL (page 30)			
2.7.1.1	No action	No new rotational area would close in this action in the Great South Channel vicinity.	Two scenarios (NCLF20 and NCLF24)
2.7.1.2	New rotational area in the Channel north of Nantucket Lightship and west of CAI	An area to the north of the Nantucket Lightship closed area and west of Closed Area I would close to scallop fishing for at least FY2008 and 2009 to protect seed scallops.	Two scenarios (CLF20 and CLF18)
2.8 ALTERNATIVES TO COMPLY WITH RPM (page 34)			
2.8.1.1	Restrict number of OA DAS an individual can use in the Mid-Atlantic during a certain window of time	The restriction on DAS a vessel can use in the Mid-Atlantic	
	Option A for Area	Would apply to all statistical areas south of the northern boundaries of statistical areas 612, 613, 533, 534, 541, 542, and 543 (see Figure 4).	
	Option B for Area	Would apply to all statistical areas south of the northern boundaries of statistical areas 612, 613, 533, 534, 541, 542, and 543 July-October, and a subset of those areas for the month of June only.	
	Option A for time window	June 16-October 14 - the full range of observed takes of turtles in scallop fishery.	
	Option B for time window	June 15 - October 31 - slightly longer to recognize that turtle migration patterns change over time and one turtle was observed on a research trip near ETA in late October.	

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2.8 ALTERNATIVES TO COMPLY WITH RPM continued (page 34)			
2.8.1.2	Restrict number of AA trips in the Mid-Atlantic that can be sued during a certain window of time	The number of allocated access area trips that can be taken in the Mid-Atlantic during the two time periods under consideration would be restricted.	
	Option A for time window	June 16-October 14 - full range of observed takes of turtles in scallop fishery.	
	Option B for time window	June 15 - October 31 - slightly longer to recognize that turtle migration patterns change over time and one turtle was observed on a research trip near ETA in late October.	
2.8.1.3	Consider a seasonal closure for Delmarva	The entire access area would close to both general category and limited access scallop vessels.	
	Option A	September and October	Identified as the Committee preferred alternative.
	Option B	October only	
2.8.1.4		Possession limits would be reduced to cut back on effort, perhaps in the range of 10%.	
2.9 IMPROVEMENTS TO THE OBSERVER SET-ASIDE PROGRAM (page 37)			
2.9.1.1	No action	No changes would be made to the observer set-aside program.	
2.9.1.2	Provisions to discourage vessels owners from not paying deployed observers	This alternative would prohibit a vessel from fishing until all outstanding bills were paid by not issuing a permit to fish in a fishing year after an outstanding bill is due.	The AP does not support this alternative.
2.9.2	Limit the amount of observer compensation general category vessels can get per observed trip in access areas	This alternative would prohibit a vessel from fishing until all outstanding bills were paid by not issuing a permit to fish in a fishing year after an outstanding bill is due.	