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**For Council Action:**

*Consider Motion from Scallop Committee and decide if Council wants to send a letter to NEFSC requesting an analysis of how the YT incidental catch limit is observed and monitored in scallop access areas.*

Fisheries Survival Fund (FSF) sent a letter to the Scallop Committee on September 9, 2008 (enclosed) requesting that the Committee consider this issue. Several specific analysis requests were made in the letter and the Committee passed the following motion.

Scallop Committee motion (September 11, 2008):

**By consensus, the Committee agreed to take this issue to the full Council:  
Send a letter to Nancy Thompson from the Scallop Committee/Council that requests the NEFSC conducts an analysis comparing 2006 and 2008 observer data and how that data was used for YT monitoring. Specifically, how is volume converted into lbs, was there an improvement from 2006 to 2008 concerning how an observer estimates bycatch (count/measure), fish behavior impacts, how data is extrapolated, etc.**