

Scallop Committee Motions September 13, 2011

FW23: TURTLE DEFLECTOR DREDGE

1. Alexander/Cunningham

Approve Section 2.1.2 (Require the turtle deflector dredge alternative) as preferred with the adjustments made by the AP related to the dredge requirements.

Vote: 8:0:0, carries

2. Cunningham/Preble

Select 2.1.2.1.1 Option 1 related to TDD spatial boundary (71 W).

Vote: 8:0:0, carries

3. Robins/Avila

Identify Option 2, May 1-Oct 31, as preferred as the TDD seasonal alternative.

3a. Motion to substitute

Darcy/Cunningham

Identify Option 3, May 1 – November 30, as preferred as the TDD seasonal alternative.

Vote to substitute motion: 1:7:0, failed

Vote on main motion (Option 2 May 1-Oct 31): 7:0:1, carries

4. Alexander/Preble

Accept AP motion #7 as revised for Option 3 related to which vessels would be required to use a TDD. Final option would include additional language related to exemption for bump out and this option is identified as preferred.

Vote: 8:0:0, carries

5. Preble/Cunningham

Accept AP recommendation and identify Option 2.1.2.4.2, Option 2 for one year implementation date for TDD.

Vote: 8:0:0, carries

Without objection the Chair will bring AP motions #4, #10 and #11 to the Council. If the Council agrees, these issues will be forwarded to NMFS related to the turtle chain mat regulations.

FW23: NGOM

6. Tooley/Cunningham

Committee recommends Alternative 2.3.2 (NGOM Alternative) as preferred. In addition, Option 2 (2.3.2.1.2) should be preferred regarding which vessels (exemption would be for all vessels with a federal NGOM permit regardless of homeport state). Lastly, Option 2 (2.3.2.2.2) related to adjusting the NGOM hard TAC be preferred (31,000 pounds).

Vote: 7:0:1, carries

FW23: VMS

7. Avila/Berg

Accept AP recommendation that Alternative 2.4.2 (VMS Alternative) as preferred

Vote: 8:0:0, carries

FW23: YT AM

8. Cunningham/Robins

Committee recommends Alternative 2.2.1.2 refined YT AM seasonal closure schedule as the preferred alternative, both YT stock areas.

Vote: 7:1:0, carries

9. Preble/Alexander

Committee recommends Alternative 2.2.2.1 No Action for a separate YT AM for the LAGC IFQ fishery.

9a. Motion to substitute:

Robins/Tooley

Committee recommends a separate YT AM for the LAGC IFQ fishery in SNE/MA as described in Table 4 of FW23 and the same YT AM as the LA fishery for GB, as amended in FW23.

Vote on substitute motion: 7:1:0, carries

Vote on main motion as substituted: 7:1:0, carries

(with an understanding that the PDT will try to develop a separate SNE/MA YT AM for LAGC fishery with a different boundary)

10. Cunningham/Preble

Committee recommends FW23 be forwarded to the Council for action.

Vote: 8:0:0, carries

PRIORITIES FOR 2012

11. Preble/Alexander

Replace the current #2 priority (Continue A16 to develop IFQs for the LA fishery) in the Executive Committee recommendation, with Motion 19 from AP meeting as a priority for 2012 above the line.

Motion withdrawn with no objection

12. Preble/Alexander

Committee agrees with the consensus statement of the AP, and is not in favor of pursuing A16 to consider IFQs at this time, and recommends it be put below the line.

Vote: 5:0:3, carries

13. Preble/Alexander

Committee recommends the adoption of Motion 19 from the Scallop AP meeting of September 12, 2011 as a priority for 2012.

Motion 19 from AP:

AP recommends adding an item to the list that combines several issues related to managing YT bycatch under the Scallop FMP. The Council should consider a wide range of potential options to address this issue that may require an Amendment and involvement of the GF Cmte. For example, sub-dividing the YT sub-ACL, participation in GF sectors for LAGC fishery, changing the sub-ACL to a baseline allocation rather than based on projected catch, re-designing the access area program etc.

This action would focus on YT initially, but could be expanded to other bycatch species if needed.

This issue should be elevated above the line as a priority for 2012.

Vote: 10:0:0, carries

Vote: 4:0:4, carries