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**Statement by NE Fishery Council Chairman John Pappalardo,
Scallop Issues Scheduled for January Discussion**

NEWBURYPORT, MA New England Fishery Management Council Chairman John Pappalardo issues the following statement concerning Framework Adjustment 21 to the Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan and the Council's January 2010 meeting agenda.

"I appreciate the concerns of all the parties who have weighed in on Framework 21 to the Scallop Fishery Management Plan. I have determined that the most appropriate way to address the issues identified by the scallop industry, the state of Massachusetts and elected officials is to have a discussion at the January 26-28 Council meeting in Portsmouth, NH.

Specifically, a review and possible reconsideration of the Framework 21 decision will be held on Wednesday, January 27 at 8:30 a.m. Because of the interactions between the Scallop and Groundfish Management Plans and pending the Council's decision, Groundfish Framework Adjustment 44 and the allocation of yellowtail flounder to the scallop fleet might also need to be reconsidered at this time.

I believe this is a constructive means to move forward and preserves the integrity of the fishery management process while creating an important opportunity for public participation and input. The revised agenda will allow the entire Council to discuss and vote on this issue. I believe this solution satisfies both the Council process and the scallop industry."