

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Scallops

I. STATUS

- A. Since the April Council meeting there has been one PDT meeting and one Committee meeting.
- B. The DEIS for Amendment 15 is expected to be approved by NMFS very soon and public hearings will be scheduled in July. As soon as the Notice of Availability is published in the Federal Register, the Council will distribute both the DEIS and Public Hearing document on the Council website.
- C. The Scallop Committee reviewed and approved research priorities for the 2011 and 2012 Research Set-Aside Program (RSA). No formal action is required by the Council on this issue.
- D. Under the groundfish agenda item there will be an update on the Joint GF/Scallop Advisory Panel meeting related to yellowtail flounder bycatch in the scallop fishery

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. Initiate Framework 22 to the Scallop FMP

III. INFORMATION

- 1. Updated milestones for scallop actions
- 2. Draft Framework 22 with input from the Scallop Committee and PDT
- 3. Scallop Committee meeting summary
- 4. Scallop PDT meeting summary
- 5. Approved research priorities for 2011 and 2012 RSA program
- 6. Correspondence

Please see Tab 3 for information on the Joint Groundfish/Scallop YT flounder action.