

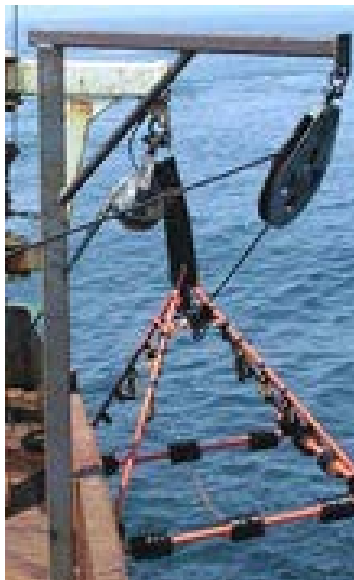


SSC Scallop Report to NEFMC

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Request to SSC

- ABC for FY2013-2015
- Review and comment on draft TOR for NEFSC Sea Scallop Survey Peer Review



ABC Basis

- Three surveys conducted in 2012
 - NEFSC Dredge
 - SMAST drop-camera
 - NEFSC HabCam4
 - Remarkable similarity in results (within 10%)
- Default control rule
 - Risk of overfishing and loss of yield explicitly considered
- Discards included in ABC, a source of uncertainty

SSC Recommendation

- **The SSC recommends the use of the previously accepted control rule for sea scallops to set the FY 2013-2015 OFL and ABC as follows in metric tons of meats:**

Catch	2013	2014	2015
OFL	31,555	35,110	38,074
ABC	27,370	30,353	34,395

Sea Scallop Survey Peer Review

- SSC concerned one institution acting alone
 - Joint effort by all involved institutions preferred
- Identify to which group each TOR directed
- Clarify specific aspects of review
- Costs could be perceived as threatening
 - Drop or more clearly define how calculated
- Desire is to improve integration of surveys