

Potential Control Date to Address Movement of LAGC Permits between Categories

Background: The following motion was made at the March 30, 2017 Scallop Committee meeting in Providence, RI. The Council will be considering this motion at its upcoming June meeting. Currently, LAGC B (NGOM) and C (Incidental) permit holders may move between permit these two permit categories annually. LAGC IFQ permit holders can make a one-time transition from IFQ to NGOM/Incidental. There have been 7 total IFQ permits that have converted to NGOM/Incidental permits since 2010.

Motion 2: Hughes/Stockwell

Move that the Committee recommends that the Council consider establishing a control date, with intent of freezing the footprint on NGOM permits by not allowing any future upgrades of incidental catch permits.

Rationale: Control date would address the movement between the NGOM and Incidental permit categories.

The motion carried on a show of hands. 9/0/1

What is a Control Date?

A control date is a date that may be used by a fishery management council, fisheries commission or by NOAA Fisheries in establishing eligibility criteria for determining levels of future access to fisheries, or sectors of fisheries. Establishing a control date does not commit the Councils, Commission, or NOAA Fisheries to develop any particular management system or criteria for participation in these fisheries. The Councils or Commission or NOAA may choose a different control date, or may choose to establish a management program that does not make use of such a date.

<https://www.greateratlantic.fisheries.noaa.gov/aps/permits/forms/2016vesselcontrodatesummary.pdf>

Table 1 - LAGC permits after Amendment 11 implementation (excluding the LAGC permits held by LA).

Fish Year	IFQ	NGOM	Incidental	Grand Total
2008	270	77	166	513
2009	304	100	188	592
2010	293	94	172	559
2011	248	81	166	495
2012	237	70	163	470
2013	222	77	149	448
2014	220	76	144	440
2015	217	72	138	427
2016	205	61	128	394

Table 2 - LAGC Permits held by LA vessels (by permit category).

Fishing Year	IFQ	NGOM	INCIDENTAL
2009	41	26	112
2010	40	28	114
2011	41	27	113
2012	39	27	114
2013	40	27	112
2014	40	27	112
2015	43	27	112

Table 3 - Number of active vessels with LAGC permits by permit category (Dealer data, excludes LA vessels with LAGC permits).

Fish Year	IFQ	NGOM	Incidental
2010	151	11	67
2011	138	8	51
2012	126	8	56
2013	118	12	66
2014	131	25	59
2015	128	24	58

Table 4 - Total landings attributed to the NGOM Management Area by permit type.

FY	Landings by Permit Category			Total NGOM Landings	NGOM closure date, (days open)
	LAGC IFQ	LAGC NGOM	LA		
2009	0	5,793	0	5,793	n/a, (entire FY year)
2010	4,762	3,877	0	8,639	n/a, (entire FY year)
2011	6,092	816	0	6,908	n/a, (entire FY year)
2012	894	6,546	0	7,440	n/a, (entire FY year)
2013	8,907	46,543	0	55,450	n/a, (entire FY year)
2014	11,521	46,321	0	57,842	n/a, (entire FY year)
2015	26,395	46,151	0	72,546	n/a, (entire FY year)
2016	26,484	62,599	292,517	381,600	May 13, (74 days)