

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Scallop Committee

I. STATUS

- A. Meetings: The Scallop PDT met by conference call on December 4th, 2020, and January 8th and 13th, 2021. The Scallop Advisory Panel met on December 8th, 2020 and January 20th, 2020 by webinar. The Scallop Committee met on December 10th, 2020 and January 21st, 2021.
- B. Framework 33: The Council is expected to take final action on Framework Adjustment 33 to the Scallop FMP, an action that will set fishing specifications for fishing year 2021 and default measures for 2022. This action also includes alternatives that would mitigate impacts on Georges Bank yellowtail flounder and Northern windowpane flounder.
- C. 2021 Scallop Work Priorities: Receive Committee recommendation/report on a possible change to 2021 priorities requested by the Scallopers Campaign. The Scallopers Campaign requested that the Council change the 2021 work priorities to include conducting scoping or listening sessions on a Limited Access days-at-sea and access area leasing program. Adoption of any proposed change in the work priorities requires a 2/3 vote of the members present at the Council meeting.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. Final action on Framework 33.
- B. Consider Committee input on 2021 work priorities, if necessary.

III. INFORMATION

1. Staff Presentation (*to be provided*)
2. Motions from Scallop AP and Committee Meetings – January 20 and 21, 2021.
3. Scallop Framework 33 (draft)
 - a. Framework 33 Decision Document
4. Meeting Summaries
 - a. Recent Scallop PDT Meeting Summaries
 - b. Scallop Committee and AP Meetings, December 2020
5. 2021 Scallop Priorities:
 - a. Council Priorities Process
6. Correspondence