

Scallop AP Meeting Motions– January, 21, 2014

By Consensus: AP supports default measures for FY2015 for both LA and LAGC fisheries presented by the PDT (75% of projected DAS for LA vessels and 100% of projected LAGC sub-ACL for IFQ allocations)

1. Gutowski/Hansen

Include flexibility for LA PT and Occasional vessels for DAS tradeoff for Delmarva trip. PDT should determine the appropriate DAS conversion for these vessels to equate the possession limits they had for individual access area trips.

Vote: 7:1:1, carries

By Consensus: Support language drafted by the PDT about how Delmarva trip flexibility would work (page21 of Draft FW25). Specifically, AP recommends that the broken trip provision for Delmarva trips remain the same – unused trips need to be used in the first 60 days of the following fishing year.

2. Hansen/Gutowski

Recommend that Alternative 2.1.3.4 (Alternative 4) “basic run with increased target F in open areas to bring total catch to 2013 level, with flexibility to use DAS instead of Delmarva trip” is selected as the preferred alternative under specifications for LA vessels in FW25.

Vote: 7:1:1, carries

3. Fletcher/Larson

AP supports No Action for Section 2.1.3.7 – no boundary within NL access area at 40.5 N.

Vote: 9:0:0, carries

4. Gutowski/Larson

AP recommends including several measures in Section 2.1.3.8

1. Prohibit RSA compensation fishing in NL and Del, FY2014 only
2. Fishing in Delmarva should be limited between June1-Aug31, or 3 months after FW25 implemented, FY2014 only
3. Support open area crew limits in Delmarva, FY2014 only

Vote: 8:1:0, carries

5. Hansen/Bailey

Support Alternative 2, Option 2, Sub-option C for unused 2012 CA1 trips.

Unused 2012 CA1 trips could be used in CA1 access area when it reopens after the EFH Omnibus Action is implemented. Clarify that this would be limited to vessels that submitted a broken trip adjustment sheet and qualify for a broken trip only.

Vote: 8:0:1, carries

6. Hansen/Larson

Support Alternative 2, Option 1, Sub-option C for unused 2013 CA1 trips.

Unused 2013 CA1 trips could be used in CA1 when it reopens after the EFH Omnibus Action is implemented. Clarify that vessels do not have to submit a broken trip adjustment sheet for unused 2013 trips, per recent email from NERO.

Vote: 8:0:1, carries

7. Keese/Marchetti
AP recommends Option 2 for Section 2.1.4.3 – prorate LAGC fleetwide CA2 access area trips into NL and Delmarva.
Vote: 9:0:0, carries
8. Fletcher/Maxwell
Recommend No Action for NGOM hard-TAC of 70,000 pounds be preferred (Alternative 2.1.5.1).
Vote: 9:0:0, carries
9. Fletcher/Keese
Vessels be required to stop dredges before hauling back for 2-3 minutes as an AM.
Vote: 1:3:5, fails
10. Gutowski/Maxwell
Recommend as a preferred alternative for WP AM - Alternative 3 – seasonal gear restricted AM, and specify that the AM area is all waters west of 71 W.
Vote: 7:1:1, carries
11. Gutowski/Larson
Define the gear restricted area AM season to be:
If AMs are triggered and the estimate of WP catch by the scallop fishery is <0 – 20% over the sub-ACL the gear modification AM would be for the month of February. If AMs are triggered and the estimate of WP catch by the scallop fishery is >20% over the sub-ACL the gear modification AM would be for the months of February and March.
Vote: 9:0:0, carries
12. Marchetti/Keese
AP recommends removal of Alternative 2 for WP AM seasonal closed area from consideration in FW25.
Vote: 7:0:2, carries.
13. Hansen/Gutowski
AP supports Option 2 as preferred for Section 2.2.3 – scallop trawl vessels would be prohibited within the seasonal gear restricted area for the time of year the AM is effective.
Vote: 6:1:1, carries - Chair voted as two members left due to weather
14. Gutowski/Hansen
AP recommends the Committee also include Alternative 4 under SNE/MA WP AMs – proactive measure to implement a maximum of seven rows in the apron of a dredge to minimize chances of exceeding any flatfish sub-ACLs, but the AP recommends that the alternative be modified so that this proactive AM only applies to waters west of 71 W.
Vote: 6:1:1, carries – Chair did not vote as one member returned to room