



New England Fishery Management Council Scallop Committee Meeting Motions

November 14, 2014
Revere, MA

1. Robins/Kendall

The Committee recommends Alternative 2 for OFL/ABC for FW26 (updated OFL/ABC values) (Supports AP Motion #3).

Vote: 7:0:0, carries

2. Kaelin/Quinn

The Committee recommends Alternative 3 (Section 2.2.1.3) with Option 2 and 3 only as preferred for overall specifications for FW26. This would close NL extension (Option 2) and inshore ETA (option 3), not CA2 extension (Option 1) (Supports AP Motion #4).

Vote: 4:0:3, carries

3. Quinn/Robins

The Committee recommends Option 4 in Section 2.2.2 for allocation of LAGC IFQ trips in access areas for FW26 (Allocate fleetwide trips to LAGC vessels in access areas equivalent to the overall proportion of total catch from access areas compared to total catch) be the preferred alternative.(Supports AP Motion #6).

Vote: 7:0:0, carries

4. Robins/Kendall

The Committee recommends the default measures be modified to include one access area trip in default measures for FY2016 (equivalent to 17,000 pounds for a full time vessel in the “megatron” Mid-Atlantic access area, assuming that is adopted). Area would be open to LAGC IFQ vessels as well, number of LAGC trips equivalent to the same proportion of catch allocated to those vessels in access areas in FW26. Access area should not open until April 1, 2016 for the fishery and RSA compensation fishing should not be allowed in the area until subsequent framework implemented (Supports AP Motion #5).

Vote: 7:0:0, unanimous

5. Kaelin/Sissenwine

For Section 2.2.3 the Committee recommends adding a new alternative that would allow crew limits to increase by one in all access areas above open area limits (max would be 8 crew for FT LA vessels, 8 crew for both PT LA vessels and 6 crew for FT LA small dredge vessels). This should be the preferred alternative (support AP Motion #7). The Committee clarified that this change in crew limit in access areas should remain in place for all access areas unless changed in a future action.

Vote: 7:0:0, unanimous

6. Robins/Quinn

The Committee recommends Alternative 2.3.2 for Section 2.3 as preferred. Allocation method for Mid-Atlantic access area trips in 2015 should be the flexible method (megatron) (Supports AP Motion #8).

Vote: 7:0: 0, unanimous

7. Kaelin/Kendall

The Committee recommends Alternative 2.4.2 – replace broken trip process with prelanding report and Alternative 2.4.2.2 (Option 2) carryover would be automatic. Both of these should be preferred in FW26 (Supports AP Motion #10).

Vote: 7:0:0, unanimous

8. Robins/Kaelin

The Committee recommends as preferred Alternative 2.5.3, which would revise state waters exemption program provisions to allow a state to request specific exemption related to fishing for scallops in state waters after federal NGOM TAC reached (Supports AP Motion #11).

Vote: 7:0:0, unanimous

9. Robins/Kaelin

The Committee recommends Alternative 2.6.2 to make turtle regulations consistent (May-November and west of 71W for both turtle deflector dredge and turtle chain mat) as preferred (Supports AP Motion #12).

The Committee also recommends Alternative 2.9.2 to modify flaring bar regulations for turtle deflector dredge requirement as preferred (Supports AP Motion #13).

Vote: 7:0:0, unanimous

10. Kaelin/Alexander

The Committee recommends that Alternatives 2.7.1.2, 2.7.2.2 and 2.7.2.5 (Develop reactive WP AMs and revise current reactive YT AMs) be moved to the considered but rejected section in FW26. This topic should be added to work priorities for 2015 (FW27).

Vote: 6:0:0, unanimous

11. Kaelin/Robins

The Committee recommends Alternatives 2.7.1.3, 2.7.2.3 and 2.7.2.6 for proactive AMs as preferred in FW26. These measures would modify the regulations so that a scallop vessel (LA and LAGC) could not fish with more than 7 rows in the apron of a scallop dredge in all areas (Supports AP Motion #15).

Vote: 6:0:0, unanimous

12. Robins/Kaelin

The Committee recommends Alternative 2.8.4 (DOF from Cape May only) as preferred, and supports the three consensus statements from the PDT about allocating a fraction of a DAS, adjustment be applied at 40% for part-time vessels, and the adjustment should be applied for at least two years. The Committee recommends the DOF location be clarified to be inside of VMS demarcation line south of Cape May. Additionally, the Committee recommends including options a, b, c, and d provisions only (Supports AP Motion #1).

Vote: 6:0:0, unanimous

13. Robins/Kaelin

The Committee recommends the DAS adjustment for the DOF Cape may Alternative be 0.14 (equivalent to a 3.5 hour adjustment for FT vessels), based on assumption that 25 is a more realistic estimate of the number of vessels that are currently returning to ports south of Cape May to land scallops (Supports AP Motion #1).

Vote: 6:0:0, unanimous

Other Business

14. Kaelin/Kendall

The Scallop Committee recommends that the Council consider that any bycatch sub-allocation be based on projected catch of WP in the scallop fishery or an average of the % of WP catch in scallop fishery for the last 3-5 years (up to 2013 if available) (Supports AP Motion #17).

Vote: 5:0:1, carries

15. Kaelin/Sissenwine

The Scallop Committee recommends the Council add an amendment limited to developing measures to streamline the scallop specifications process be added to Council work priorities for 2015 “above the line” (Supports AP Motion #19).

Vote: 6:0:0, unanimous