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MEETING SUMMARY
“Scallop RSA Share Day”
Joint Scallop Advisory Panel and Plan Development Team Meeting
May 19, 2020
Webinar

The Scallop Advisory Panel and Plan Development Team met by webinar on May 19, 2020 to: 1) Share results of research funded through the Scallop RSA; 2) Provide a forum for the public to provide input on the 2021/2022 Scallop RSA research priorities ahead of PDT, AP and Committee meetings.

AP ATTENDANCE:

James Gutowski (AP Chair), Ron Enoksen, Mike Marchetti, Ben Martens, Cassie Canastra, Tom Coley, and Eric Hansen.

PDT ATTENDANCE:

Jonathon Peros (Plan Coordinator), Sam Asci, Dr. William DuPaul, Dr. Rachel Feeney, Travis Ford, Ben Galuardi, Dr. Dvora Hart, Chad Keith, Danielle Palmer, Chris Parkins, Dr. Naresh Pradhan, Dr. David Rudders, Mr. Carl Wilson.

Vincent Balzano (Scallop Committee Chair) was in attendance along with 7 other Council members (8 total). A total of 85 individuals attended at least part of the meeting (including members of the AP and PDT).

Meeting Materials: Background information, including the Share Day presentations and short reports, as well as a recording of the meeting, can be accessed on the Council’s website at this link:

<https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/may-19-2020-joint-scallop-advisory-panel-and-plan-development-team-meeting-rsa-share-day> .

The meeting began at 9:02 AM. Council staff provided an overview of webinar and meeting logistics, and a background on the RSA program. Recent RSA recipients gave brief presentations on results from recently funded work (12 total presentations). Following the presentations, the public was asked for input on future RSA research priorities. There were two comments. The first commenter stated that recruits that have settled in the Delmarva area are susceptible to natural mortality and suggested that research be done to explore the harvest of these scallops (shell stocking) as 1-year olds because they are dying of natural mortality. The second commenter thanked the presenters, and said they thought it was an educational and productive meeting.

No other business was discussed. The meeting ended at 3:03 PM.