New England Fishery Management Council
Scallop Committee Meeting Motions
October 29, 2014
Providence, RI

Framework 26

1. Sissenwine/Quinn
Committee agrees to add an alternative in Framework 26 that would allocate a poundage to LAGC vessels in access areas equivalent to the proportion of catch from access areas overall (Option 4) (Supports AP Motion 5).
Vote: 7:0:0, carries

2. Kaelin/Quinn
Committee clarifies the transiting provisions for new scallop access area closures under consideration in Framework: support status quo for GB closures (transiting allowed for NL extensions and transiting prohibited for CA2 south) and prohibit transit for all scallop vessels in ETA closure (Supports AP Motion 4).
Vote: 8:0:0, carries

3. Kaelin/Kendall
Revise Framework 26 document to allow either a flexible or lottery method of allocation for all specification alternatives, and not specify that lottery allocation be the only allocation method for specification alternatives 2 and 4.
Vote: 7:0:1, carries

4. Alexander/Preble
Clarify that the default measure in Framework 26 for FY2016 be 75% of the projected DAS, and adopt a 20 day minimum if 75% of projected DAS are less than 20 DAS (Supports AP Motion 6).
Vote: 8:0:0, carries

5. Robins/Kaelin
Recommend inclusion of an alternative in Framework 26 that would allow any LA vessel on an open area trip to declare out of fishery (DOF) with product on board and clock out at VMS demarcation line between Cape Henlopen and Cape May, NJ when bound for ports south of that area. The same requirements A-E listed under Alternative 2.8.3 should apply for this alternative as well, as clarified based on Enforcement Committee
input (zero in-shell scallops on board and increased VMS polling (every 5 minutes)) (Supports AP Motion 8).
Vote: 7:0:0, carries

6. Robins/Kendall
Recommend Alternative 2.8.2 (VMS corridor) move to the considered and rejected section in Framework 26 to help facilitate analysis of the other two options in this section, as well as No Action.
Vote: 7:0:0, carries

Other Business

7. Sissenwine/Kaelin
Committee recommends that the Council consult with GARFO and NEFSC to discuss alternative rulemaking strategies to get specifications implemented in time for the start of the fishing year (Supports AP Motion 9).
Vote: 7:0:0