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**MEETING SUMMARY**

**Scallop Advisory Panel**

Radisson, Warwick, RI

November 2, 2016

This summary consists of final advisory panel motions only.

**Motion 1: Hanson/Keese**

The AP recommends that the Committee select in Section 2.8., Alt 2 (2.8.2) Restrict the possession of scallops to 100 lbs per person per trip.

*Rationale:* This measure creates consistency in regulations across the fishery.

The motion carried on a show of hands. (11-0-0)

**Motion 2: Hansen/Enoksen**

The AP recommends that the Committee select in Section 2.1, Alt. 2 (2.1.2) Updated OFL and ABC for FY2017 as preferred.

*Rationale:* OFL and ABC based on 2016 surveys represents the most updated scientific information.

The motion carried on a show of hands. (10-0-1)

**Motion 3: Lybarger/Marchetti**

The AP recommends that the Committee select in Section 2.2, Alt. 2, Sub-Option 1 (Section 2.2.2.1) 95,000 NGOM TAC.

The motion carried on a show of hands. (11-0-0)

**Motion 4: Enoksen/Maxwell**

The AP recommends that the Committee set default measures at 75% FT DAS, 18,000 lb AA trip in MAAA. LAGC IFQ at 75% of the allocation. The GC IFQ AA trips would be set at 5.5% of the total AA allocation for default measures.

The motion carried on a show of hands. (11-0-0)

**Motion 5: Enoksen/Quinn**

The AP recommends that the Committee recommend that PT AA allocations be set at 28,800, with trips limit at 14,400 trip. The PT vessels must take at least 1 trip in the MAAA. The PT vessels may take the second trip in any of the other open AAs.

The motion carried on a show of hands. (11-0-0)

**Motion 6: Parker/Maxwell**

The AP recommends that the Committee select in Section 2.3, Alt. 2 (2.3.2) fishery allocations based on spatial management, as preferred. The AP recommends that the Committee also select in Section 2.3.2.2, Alt.3 (2.3.2.2.1.3), Set AA trips at 5.5% of the overall AA allocations.

*Rationale:* Moving the LAGC IFQ spatial management at 5.5%, and so allocating AA trips should be based on 5.5% of the LA.

The motion carried on a show of hands. (11-0-0)

**Motion 7: Hansen/Larson**

The AP recommends that that Committee task the PDT to analyze the NLS-ext as part of the NLS AA with the associated DAS at  $F=0.4$ ,  $F=0.44$ , and  $F=0.48$ .

*Rationale:* This would add the NLS-ext to the NLS and spread out effort in the NLS area. The trip limit would remain at 18,000 lbs. Making the NLS-ext an AA allows for managing risk around scientific assessments. This option would allow both LA and LAGC vessels to fish in the area.

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The motion carried on a show of hands. (9-1-1)

**Motion 8: Welch/Lybarger**

The AP recommends that the Committee select as preferred Section 2.3.2.1.2, Alt 2, The Basic Run with the ETC Flex Option, and incorporate a seasonal closure from July 1 – Sept. 30.

*Rationale:* This would convert the Elephant Rotational Closures into an Access Area. This would be a no transit area. There would be no limit on the number of VMS declarations into the area. LA FT vessels can land up to 36,000 lbs in the MAAA, 18,000 of which can come from the ETC closure area. The AA lbs could be fished within the first 60 days of the following FY. The seasonal closure would only apply to the Elephant Rotational Closures Access Area.

The motion carried on a show of hands. (11-0-0)

**Motion 9: Keese/Marchetti**

The AP recommends that the Committee Select in Section 2.3.2.2.2, Alt 3, Equal Split by AA, and split the CAII AA trips 50% to NLS and 25% to the MAAA and 25% to the ETC AA.

The motion carried on a show of hands. (8-0-2)

**Motion 10: Maxwell/Keese**

The AP recommends that the Committee select in Section 2.4, Alt. 3, (2.4.3) prorate the 2017 FY +4.7% by March fishing data.

*Rationale:* Reduce impact on open bottom by increasing DAS proportional to fishery usage.

The motion failed on a show of hands. (3-5-2)

**Motion 11: Welch/Parker**

Recommend that the Committee select in Section 2.4, Alt. 2, (2.4.2) prorate the 2017 FY by 13/12ths (+8%).

The motion carried on a show of hands. (10-0-0).

**By consensus (11)**, the AP recommends that the 13 month proration would NOT apply to the NGOM TAC.

**Motion 12: Hansen/Lybarger**

Recommend that the Committee select Section 2.5.3, Alt 3, as preferred. (Alt 3 RSA Comp only in MAAA and open areas, excluding NGOM).

The motion carried on a show of hands. (10-0-0).

**Motion 13: Parker/Welch**

The AP recommends that the 1.6 carryover allocation be allocated and included as part of default measures in 2018 in FW28, available on April 1, 2018.

*Rationale:* Council should not be allocating these lbs in the management uncertainty buffer, and this would be allocated as those pounds as part of the 2018 specification process (projected catch).

The motion carried on a show of hands. (9-0-1)

**Motion 14: Hansen/Larson**

The AP recommends that all runs with an  $F=0.48$  be moved to considered and rejected.  
Rationale: Removed  $F=0.48$  to reduce impact on small scallops in open bottom that the AP would like to protect. Reconfiguring the NLS ext as part of the NLS AA was factored into this decision.

The motion carried on a show of hands. (9-0-0)

**Motion 15: Lybarger/Maxwell**

The AP recommends that DAS be calculated using an  $F=0.44$  as the preferred approach.  
Rationale: Reconfiguring the NLS ext as part of the NLS AA was factored into this decision.

The motion carried on a show of hands. (9-0-0)

**Motion 16: Welch/Quinn**

The Scallop AP requests that the Scallop CTE task the Scallop PDT to analyze northern windowpane catch in the scallop fishery. This analysis would include a review of observer data, and consider when/where the fishery is interacting with northern windowpane flounder.

*Rationale:* The AP would like to see additional analyses of scallop fishery catch of northern windowpane that could help inform the sub-ACL/AM decisions in Groundfish FW56.

The motion carried on a show of hands. (9-0-0)

**By consensus (17)**, the AP recommends that ETC AA trips are tradeable with NLS or CAII trips.