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Dan Hull, Chairman
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SUBJECT:

Scallop SAFE and catch limits: Plan Team report; set OFL/ABC limits

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ACTION REQUIRED:

Review Scallop SAFE report and approve catch specifications.

BACKGROUND:

The Scallop Plan Team met in Kodiak on February 17, 2016 to review the status of the weathervane scallop stocks in Alaska, to prepare the Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) report, and to recommend an ABC level to meet ACL requirements. The report from the Scallop Plan Team meeting is attached and includes discussions of a number of topics from the meeting that are not included in the SAFE report itself. The SAFE report provides an overview of scallop management, scallop harvests and the status of the regional weathervane scallop stocks. Scallop stocks are neither overfished nor approaching an overfished condition. A special meeting of State biologists was conducted, in consultation with two SSC members, to improve on the State survey design for 2016. The survey design report is also attached.