

C4 Scallop SAFE and Plan Team report

Data

- 2018 Dredge Survey
 - 3rd survey in time series
 - Large increase in small scallops
 - ***Recommend*** explicitly defining goals of the survey design
- Ageing methods continue to be refined
- ***Recommend*** exploring utility of NMFS bottom trawl survey catches of scallop
- ***Recommend*** integrating community participation and social economic data into the body of main SAFE

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Assessment

- **Agree with** CPT and author's ABC/OFL recommendations which are the same as last year (OFL = 585 t, ABC = 90% OFL = 527 t).
- **Recommend** a framework that clarifies what the assessment data needs are to move toward an age-or-length structured model
- **Recommend** exploring moving SAFE to a biennial schedule, with executive summaries in alternating years
- **Request** more information on the way fishery CPUE data are standardized