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C3 Scallop Harvest Specifications

June 2026 Council Meeting

Action Memo

Council Staff: Anita Kroska
Other Presenters: Dr. Tyler Jackson (ADF&G)
Action Required:

1. Specify OFL/ABC for Weathervane scallops off Alaska for three years: 2026/2027, 2027/2028, & 2028/29
2. Review the Scallop Plan Team Report from the April 2026 meeting

BACKGROUND

The Scallop Plan Team held its annual meeting on April 4, 2026 via a virtual format to review the status of weathervane scallop stocks in Alaska, to prepare the Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE), and to recommend harvest specifications for the upcoming fishing season ([SPT Meeting Agenda](#)). The 2026 Scallop SAFE report and the Scallop Plan Team meeting report are posted to the eAgenda.

The Scallop Plan Team (SPT) also reviewed fishery removals, survey data, socioeconomic information, and size-structured model development. The SPT discussed the low levels of membership, and the need for quantitative review capacity that is currently not available within the team.

The SPT also discussed assessment cycle timing. Amendment 18 of the Scallop Fishery Management Plan allows for non-annual assessments and to set harvest specifications less frequently than an annual basis, up to a three-year period. As a result, the SPT recommended that the next final scallop SAFE report be provided in April of 2029.