



C3 Scallop Harvest Specifications

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Action Memo

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- Other Presenters: 1. Tyler Jackson (ADF&G, Scallop Plan Team Chair) & Scott Miller (NMFS Juneau)
- Action Required: 1. Specify OFL/ABC
2. Scallop Plan Team Report – review

BACKGROUND

The Scallop Plan Team met online February 16, 2022 to review the status of weathervane scallop stocks in Alaska, to prepare the Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE), and to recommend an ABC level to meet ACL requirements ([SPT Meeting Agenda](#)). The 2022 Scallop SAFE and the Scallop Plan Team meeting report are **attached**.

Total scallop removals in 2020/2021 were (238,551 lb.; 108t) 20.6 % of ABC (1.156 million lb; 524 t) and 18.6% of OFL. Therefore, overfishing did not occur. Because no estimate of weathervane scallop spawning biomass is available, the status of the scallop stock relative to overfished is “unknown”. This status determination is not considered to be a conservation concern since scallops are distributed in many areas that have been closed to fishing to protect crab populations and in areas not defined as commercial scallop beds.