



C3 Scallop Harvest Specifications

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Action Memo

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

BACKGROUND

The Scallop Plan Team met Monday, March 6, 2023, in Kodiak, AK, 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 2023 Scallop SAFE and the Scallop Plan Team meeting report are attached.

Total scallop removals in 2022/2023 were (345,690 lb.; 156.8 t) 29.9% of ABC (1.156 million lb; 524 t), and 26.9% 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.