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Action Memo

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Dan Hull, Chairman
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SUBJECT:

Scallop Management - SAFE, Specifications, Plan Team Report

ESTIMATED TIME:

1 hour

ACTION REQUIRED:

Review Scallop SAFE report and approve ABC catch specification for the 2015/2016 fishery.

BACKGROUND:

The Scallop Plan Team met in Anchorage on February 23, 2015 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 acceptable biological catch (ABC) level to meet Annual Catch Limit (ACL) requirements. The SAFE report was mailed to you on March 23rd. 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.