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General Category Scallop ITQ

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Overview

- Limited Entry and DAS established in 1994
- Open Access General category permit created to accommodate incidental, small boat fleet
 - Daily limit of 400 pounds scallop meats
 - 2005 required VMS for GC permits to land 400 pound daily limit, otherwise daily limit lowered to 40 pounds
- GC Scallop ITQ proposed with Amendment 11 with scheduled implementation in 2010.
 - Council approved development of Amendment prior to 2006 reauthorization with referendum requirement



Statistics

- ~ 2,500 GC scallop permits issued 2001-2006
- Ex-Vessel value \$166 million in 2001 - \$347 million in 2006
- GC fleet 426 participating vessels in 2004 landing 3.4 million pounds.
- GC fleet 607 participating vessels in 2005 landing 7.2 million pounds
- GC share of total landings 1-3% 1994-2003
 - 5.2% 2004
 - 14.1% 2005
 - 12.2% 2006



Management Issues

- Expansion of effort in GC scallop
- Concern over inability to control fishing mortality by fleet component
- Spillover effects on limited access scallop fleet



Management Objectives

- Allocate portion of scallop total harvest to GC
- Establish qualification criteria
- Develop measures to keep within quota
- Develop measures to address incidental catch of scallops in other fisheries
- Determine means to integrate assessment results in management decisions



GC Scallop ITQ Elements

- Limited Entry Qualification
 - Possess GC permit prior to control date (Nov, 2004)
 - Landed 1,000 pounds during any fishing year 2000-2003 or March – November, 2004
- Share Contribution Factor
 - Scallop landings during “best” qualifying year
 - Activity index – based on number of years active (≥ 1 pound) in fishery up to 25% if active all 5 years



GC Scallop ITQ Elements (contd.)

- Individual allocation based on share contribution factor and landings allocated to GC fleet
- Ownership Cap
 - Individual permit limited to 2% of TAC
 - Individual entity may not have ownership interest in more than 5% of TAC allocated to fleet



GC Scallop ITQ Elements (contd.)

- Transfers
 - Permanent transfer requires transfer of IFQ, permit, and any other permits
 - Leasing w/o transfer of permits and vessel is allowed
- Transition Period – allow for appeals process to play out
 - Allocate 10% of quarterly projected catch fished as derby