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Action Memo

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SUBJECT:

Scallop SAFE and Plan Team Reports and 2018/2019 Harvest Specifications

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ACTION REQUIRED:

- Review Scallop SAFE Plan Team reports
- Recommend OFL/ABC harvest specifications

BACKGROUND:

The Scallop Plan Team met in Kodiak on February 21, 2018 to review the status of weathervane scallop stocks in Alaska, to prepare the Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) report (**attached**), and to recommend an ABC level to meet ACL requirements. The minutes from the Scallop Plan Team meeting are **attached**, as well as the report of the 2017 ADF&G dredge survey.

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. The 2018 SAFE includes an expanded "Economic Factors" Appendix in response to Council request from the April 2017 meeting.