

## **Macklin, Heather**

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**From:** Mary Gordius <Mary.Gordius@jax.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 01, 2015 10:04 AM  
**To:** Macklin, Heather  
**Subject:** Comments concerning the Scallop Legislation Bill- Marine Resources Committee

I am writing my concerns to you today because I think the new bill that you are proposing is totally unfair for the scallop draggers.

First, wondering why this bill has not been put out to vote for all scallop license holders to send in their comments? I never received a mailing. They are the ones that know what a day out scalloping is like, not people that sit at their desks. Really believe that you need to get feedback and rethink this whole bill that is being proposed.

Your proposal going from per boat to per person is great if you are a diver- can have 4 people or more on one boat, in one area, with licenses and can get a total of 360 lbs with very little overhead. There goes all the scallops and baby scallops in that little area in one day. Divers can pick the bottom clean and thought the big concern was bringing back the stock? Draggers, with the gear limits, can only get a fraction of what divers can take and the chances of having 4 licensed on a dragger is very slim so your limit is 90lbs compared to their 360? Is maybe this your way of eliminating draggers out of the industry all together?

Think this bill is totally ridiculous and really need comments from the license holders and should be fair for all the parties involved (divers and draggers).

**Thank you**  
**Brian Gordius**

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