

Chart 1 shows a typical year fishing in a mixed fishery where several different fisheries are prosecuted throughout the season to make up a year's pay. Groundfishing takes place from April through November. We would typically go scalloping for a few weeks starting in December. (Scalloping did start in November before the season was changed to December) Then we would go shrimping for the rest of the winter and early spring.

Chart 2 is a projection of what 2015 could look like. No shrimp income, no scallop income without a scallop license, groundfish at 1/3 due to cuts in Cod quota.

For example: our two boats had approximately 1500# of cod before the quota was cut for 2015. 1500# is just about enough cod quota to get you through a groundfish season if you do not target cod, we are now down to approximately 300# of quota for 2015 for each boat. You must have quota for all species before you can go fishing because there is a possibility that you will catch some of each species while fishing. You can lease extra cod quota but with the cuts in cod quota this year there will be very little to lease so the groundfish fishery will be very constrained. Stocks that are healthy and abundant will be off limits if you run out of cod quota. Projecting 1/3 income as opposed to a typical year groundfishing may be generous given the cuts to cod quota.

Chart 3 shows what a potential 2015 fishing season could look like if we had a scallop license. We have had scallop licenses on our boats since 1985. As a result of the financial crash of 2008, high fuel prices and historically low fish prices, when it came time to renew our scallop licenses we simply were out of money and missed the deadline.

I had a conversation with Togue Brawn at the time and she said that the plan was to have a reentry plan in place by 2012 through rule making as was the intention of the original bill.

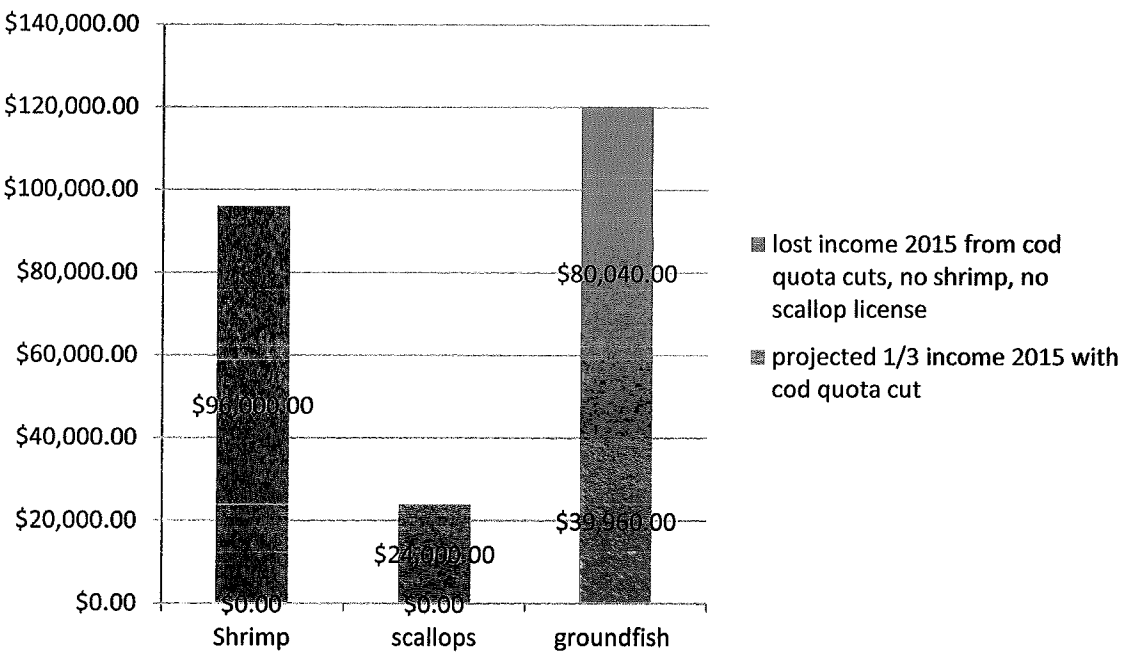
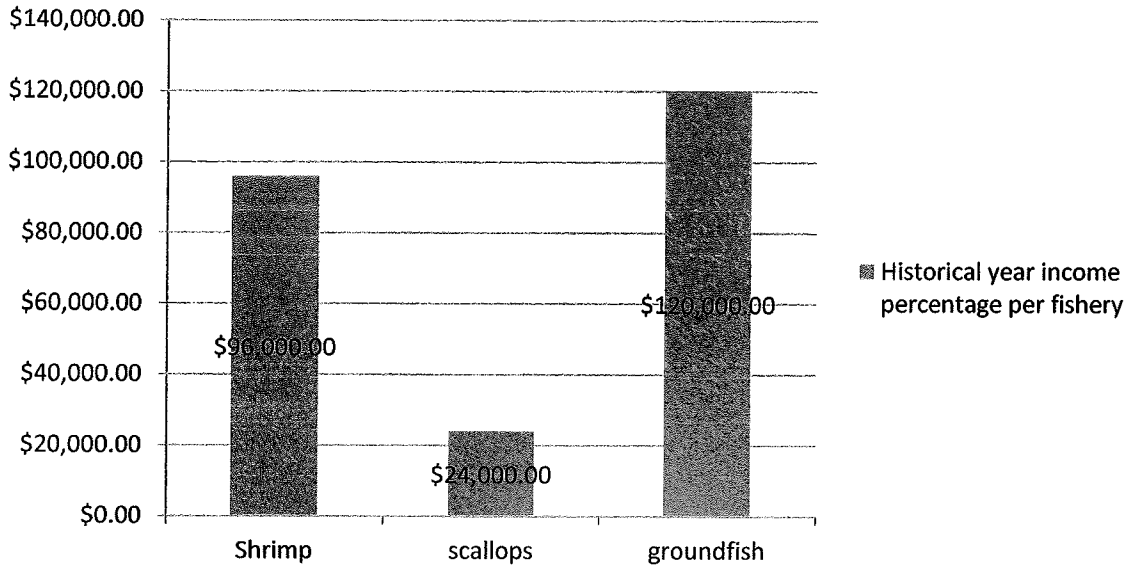
We were patient and had shrimp to get us through the winter, fuel prices dropped somewhat from the highs in 2008 and fish prices recovered. Now, we have the cod cuts, no shrimp, now it is 2015 and still no action on scallop reentry.

This bill proposes that if you had a scallop license before the moratorium and it expired then you can get a license going forward. Our situation requires that the boat and history is considered as well. I had a license and fished my own boat, that boat has been sold. My son runs one of our two remaining boats but has never held a scallop license. We need to keep our two boats fishing so he would need a license to be able to operate our boat that has a significant history in the scallop fishery. My brother runs our other boat and he has held a license before the moratorium so would qualify under this bill.

This is and always has been a family business with multiple boats passed on over generations. Given the circumstances I have outlined we are in need of some help here. We do not want a handout just the ability to do what we always have done for several decades. A scallop license is not going to guarantee success and 2015 is going to be a tough year for boats that have few options right now but it would at least give us an opportunity to try, right now that aspect of our historical fishery is out of reach.

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## Historical year income percentage per fishery



# Potential percentage fishing income 2015

