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Many stern-men, including myself, have been scalloping many winters and our chances of getting a scallop license are just the same as someone who has never gone and shelled a scallop in their life. I fail to see how that is fair to people who have froze through countless winters, and put in hard work to learn the ways of the scallop fishery. By allowing anyone to obtain such a license without previous experience on the stern you are putting the fishery in danger. Making the scallop fishery an apprenticeship, as it is for the lobster fishery, instills a level of care for the harvest itself. A commitment to the ocean as a career, not just a job on a whim. Why not create this type of educational community for scalloping as well? I have been scalloping every winter, the full season, ever since my senior year of high school. That is over ten full seasons I have put in on the stern, not including all of the time I would find a way to go whilst I was still in school. Having a lottery system negates all this time I have invested on the stern, all that I have learned goes to waste, while others who have never seen the inside of a shelling house repeatedly win licenses. I believe the lottery is unfair, not only to me, but every person on the stern who has put in an incredible amount of time, and hard years on their bodies. End the unjust lottery system, and implement instead the apprenticeship program, such as is done in the lobster industry, and many other successful industries. I am in full support an apprentice program for the Maine scallop fishery, it will do justice to those of us who have put in the time and effort over the years for this fishery. A scallop apprenticeship is how the future of the fishery should be carried out, and should have always been that way. A lottery is unfair and unjust.