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I am a lobster/scallop fisherman out of Stonington Maine. I agree whole heartedly that we should open up discussion to allow stacked licenses. I think this will definitely help with safety issue of fisherman going by themselves.. These jobs are very dangerous, it is becoming harder to find experienced people to be behind the captain on a boat. I personally have had experience pulling a deceased fisherman out if the water because he went alone and was pulled off the boat and drowned. Safety is my number one reason to open this discussion. I also think this will help younger fishermen that are just getting started to be able to work together until they at least have their full tag/trap amount and can afford to pay a sternman.

I think dragging for scallops is a bit more dangerous than diving for them. There is a thousand pound drag that can fall on a fisherman, that drag can also grab a ledge underwater and capsize your boat. Having another experienced person is beneficial. Why would this not be talked about?