

New England Fishery Management Council

Scallop PDT Meeting

Buzzards Bay, MA and Webinar

August 27 & August 28, 2025

Day 1: 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Day 2: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Scallop Plan Development Team	
Connor Buckley, PDT Chair, NEFMC	Chandler Nelson, NEFMC
Sharon Benjamin, GARFO, NEPA	Tasha O'Hara, CFF
Dr. Adam Delargy, SMAST	Danielle Palmer, GARFO, PRD
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Dr. Dvora Hart, NEFSC, Population Dynamics	Dr. David Rudders, VIMS
Carl Huntsberger, ME DMR	Bridget St. Amand, NEFSC, FMO
Dr. Robert Murphy, NEFSC, SSB	Kelly Whitmore, MA DMF

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- 10:00 AM Welcome, summary of agenda, and housekeeping
- 10:15 AM Review 2025 scallop survey results (VIMS, SMAST, ME DMR, CFF, and NEFSC)
- 12:30 PM *Lunch*
- 1:40 PM Discuss survey results and data treatment
- Review SAMS areas – review and make recommendations
 - Any changes needed?
 - SH/MW assumptions and curves
 - Review SH/MW equation from 2025 Research Track Assessment
 - Georges Bank and Mid-Atlantic
 - NLS-South and sensitivities
 - Gulf of Maine equation and curves
 - Dredge efficiency
 - Data agreement and combining survey estimates, potential modifications to SAMS areas
 - Initial PDT Impressions of outlook for 2026
- 4:15 PM Review VMS fishery data
- 4:45 PM Identify next steps for Day 2, including any homework assignments
- 5:00 Adjourn

List of Survey Groups and Presenters:

Survey Groups	Presenters
Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS)	Ms. Sally Roman
School for Marine Science and Technology (SMAST)	Dr. Adam Delargy
Coonamessett Farm Foundation (CFF)	Ms. Tasha O'Hara
Northeast Fishery Science Center (NEFSC)	Dr. Dvora Hart
Maine Department of Marine Resources (ME DMR)	Mr. Carl Huntsberger

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- 9:00 AM Review any follow-up analyses/homework/continue with Aug. 27 agenda (if needed)
- 9:30 Continue reviewing 2025 data and outlook for 2026
- Update on nematode and shell disease prevalence in Mid-Atlantic
 - Develop PDT input for 2026/2027 specifications (BASE run)
- 10:45 Recap: Additional analyses & modeling decisions; plan for next PDT meeting
- 11:00 Discuss SSC recommendations regarding the use of reference points for setting OFLs and ABCs.
- 12:15 PM *Lunch*
- 1:15 Strategic Plan: Review Strategic Roadmap document and provide input on research needs, timing, and prioritization.
- 2:15 Discuss Council's Risk Policy and review draft Scallop Risk Policy Matrix
- 1. Review Risk Policy use and development (Alpha and Beta phases)
- 3:00 Adjourn

Meeting Materials (subject to change/updates) [Available at this link.](#)

1. Agenda
2. Scallop survey results: Short reports
 - a. VIMS
 - b. CFF
 - c. NEFSC
 - i. Dredge
 - ii. HabCam/AUV
 - d. SMAST
 - i. GB
 - ii. GOM
 - e. ME DMR
3. Draft preliminary combined biomass estimates from 2025 surveys (to be provided – will change)
 - a. Draft preliminary estimates from 2025 short reports (to be provided – will change)
4. Presentations

- a. Staff presentation
- b. FY2024 – FY2025 Scallop VMS fishing effort
- c. Scallop survey presentations
 - i. VIMS
 - ii. CFF
 - iii. NEFSC
 - iv. SMAST – GB
 - v. SMAST – GOM
 - vi. ME DMR
- d. VIMS additional information
- e. 2025 SHMW Adjustments
- 5. 2025 Scallop Work Priorities
 - a. Long Term (3-5 year) Strategic Plan Roadmap
- 6. Risk Policy Matrix
 - a. Scallop Risk Policy Matrix – 2025 (FW40) - PDT draft
 - b. Scallop Risk Policy Matrix – 2024 (FW39)
 - c. Instructions for Risk Policy use
 - d. Risk Policy Statement and Concept
 - e. 2025 New England State of the Ecosystem Report
 - f. 2025 Mid-Atlantic State of the Ecosystem Report
 - g. Hare et al. 2016
- 7. Draft Scallop PDT memo to Groundfish PDT re: Georges Bank yellowtail bycatch

Background and Supporting Information:

- 8. [LPUE and landings/price data by market grade](#)
- 9. [2025 Council Priorities](#)
- 10. [2025/2026 Scallop RSA Priorities](#)
- 11. PDT memo to SSC re: FW39 OFL and ABC
- 12. Projected Exploitable Biomass for FY 2025 from FW39
- 13. 2025 Scallop Research Track Assessment
 - a. Summary Report
 - b. Fishing Mortality, Recruitment, and Stock Biomass (TOR4a)
 - c. CASA Modeling (TOR4b)
 - d. Peer Review Summary Report