

New England Fishery Management Council

Scallop PDT Meeting

[Buzzards Bay, MA](#) and Webinar

August 26 & August 27, 2026

Day 1: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Day 2: 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Scallop Plan Development Team	
Sharon Benjamin, GARFO, NEPA	Dr. Robert Murphy, NEFSC, SSB
Connor Buckley, PDT Chair, NEFMC	Tasha O'Hara, CFF
Jennifer Couture, NEFMC	Danielle Palmer, GARFO, PRD
Dr. Adam Delargy, SMAST	Chris Parkins, RI DEM
Dr. William DuPaul, College William & Mary	Dr. Naresh Pradhan, NEFMC
Dr. Benjamin Galuardi, GARFO APS	Sally Roman, VIMS
Dr. Dvora Hart, NEFSC, Population Dynamics	Bridget St. Amand, NEFSC, FMO
Carl Huntsberger, ME DMR	Kelly Whitmore, MA DMF
Emily Keiley, GARFO, SFD	

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9:00 AM	Welcome, summary of agenda, and housekeeping
9:15	Review 2026 scallop survey results (VIMS, SMAST, ME DMR, CFF, and NEFSC)
12:00 PM	<i>Lunch</i>
1:30	Discuss survey results and data treatment • Review SAMS areas – review and make recommendations • SH/MW assumptions and curves ○ Review SH/MW equations ○ Georges Bank and Mid-Atlantic ▪ NLS-South and sensitivities ▪ Mid-Atlantic sensitivity ○ Gulf of Maine equation and curves • Dredge efficiency • Review 2026-2026 Scallop VMS fishery data • Data agreement and combining survey estimates • Initial PDT Impressions of outlook for FY 2027
4:30	Identify next steps for Day 2, including any homework assignments
4:45	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. 26 agenda (if needed)
9:30	Continue reviewing 2026 data and outlook for 2027 • Update on nematode and shell disease prevalence in Mid-Atlantic • Develop PDT input for 2027/2028 specifications (BASE run)
10:45	Recap: Additional analyses & modeling decisions; plan for next PDT meeting
11:00	Review Framework 42 Discussion Document and discuss the development of management alternatives
12:00 PM	<i>Lunch</i>
1:15	Scallop PDT Memo to Groundfish PDT re: GB Yellowtail
2:00	Review Draft 3-Year Work Plan
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/LRAUV
 - d. SMAST
 - i. GB
 - ii. GOM
 - e. ME DMR
3. Draft preliminary combined biomass estimates from 2026 surveys (to be provided – will change)
4. Presentations
 - a. Staff presentation
 - b. Scallop survey presentations
 - i. VIMS
 - ii. CFF

- iii. NEFSC
- iv. SMAST – GB
- v. SMAST – GOM
- vi. ME DMR
- c. VIMS additional information
- 5. Framework 42 Discussion Document
- 6. 2026 Scallop Work Priorities
 - a. 3-Year Work Plan (Draft)
 - b. Long Term Strategic Plan
- 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. [2026 Council Priorities](#)
- 10. 2027/2028 Scallop RSA Priorities
- 11. PDT memo to SSC re: FW40 OFL and ABC