

Scallop Report

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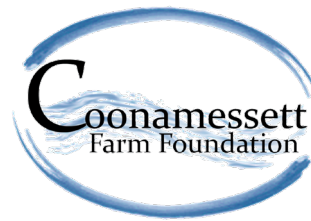


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TODAY'S REPORT

1. Recap of the 2026 scallop survey results and outlook for FY 2027
 - Short-term projections not available for today
2. Framework 42: Update on the development of measures to establish regional Day-at-Sea management and sub-areas in the Northern Gulf of Maine
 - *One Committee motion for today*
3. Review the Committee-approved Scallop Work Plan for 2027-2029
 - *One Committee motion for today*

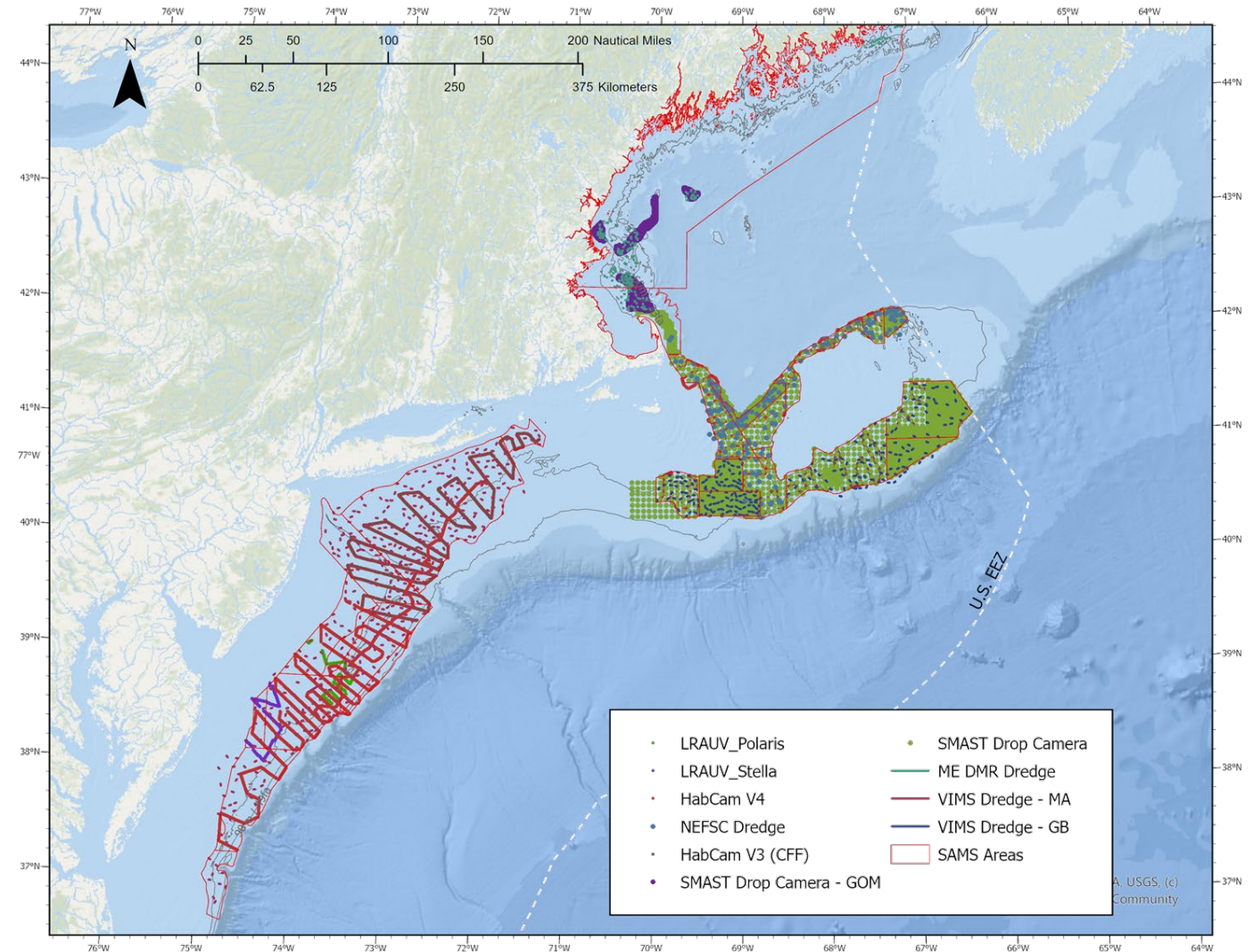
Thank you to all our scallop survey partners!



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ALL 2026 SURVEYS COMPLETED PLANNED STATIONS/TRACKS

- Sampled May - June
- Optical and dredge survey coverage in every area.
 - SMAST drop camera
 - VIMS & NEFSC dredge
 - CFF & NEFSC HabCam
 - NEFSC Long Range AUV
 - Maine DMR dredge
- NEFSC Long-Range AUVs deployed successfully for two Mid-Atlantic legs

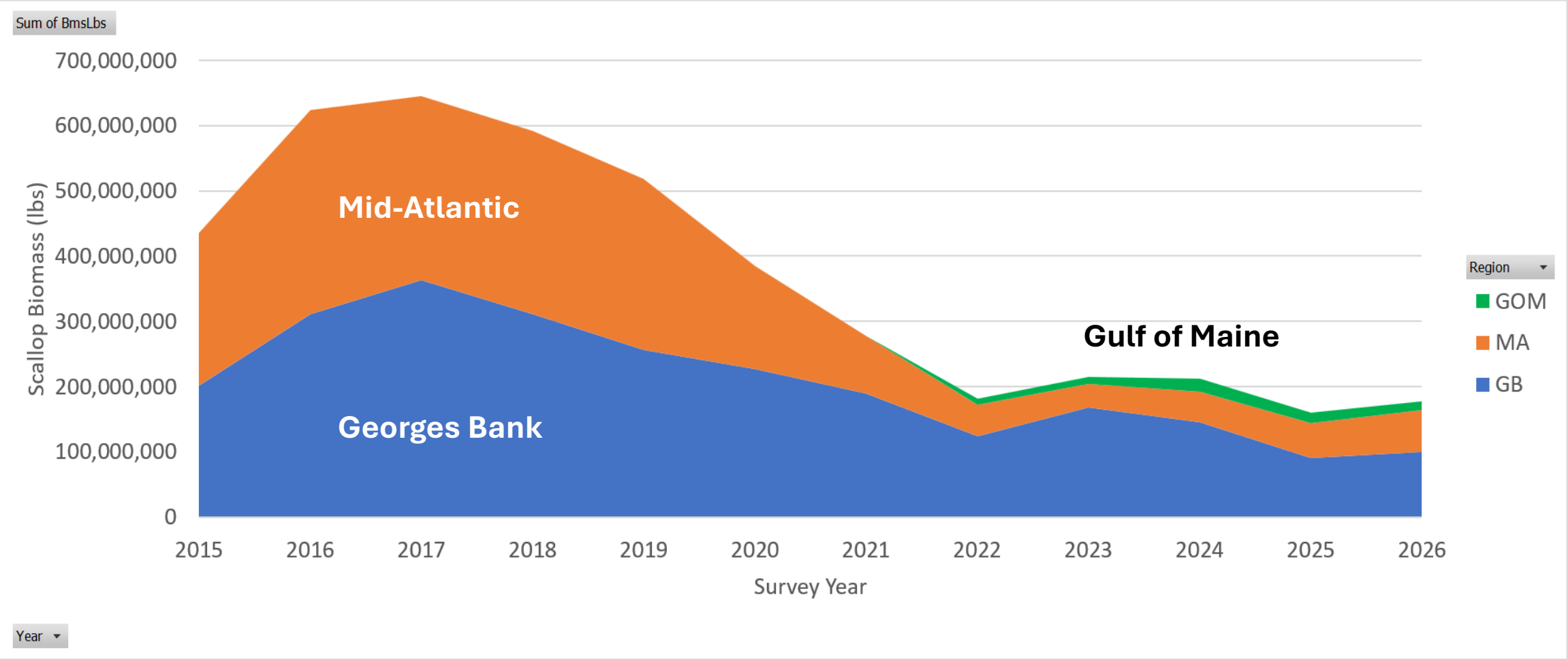


KEY SURVEY FINDINGS

- Abundance (>40mm) decreased by 10% across the resource, but incoming recruitment noted in Closed Area II and the Great South Channel
- Biomass (>40mm) increased slightly, driven by growth of large Nantucket Lightship cohort, but continues to grow slowly.
- 76% of all scallops are on Georges Bank, with 48% within the Nantucket Lightship South and Extension alone.
- Surveys data suggest that the only area with sufficient biomass to consider rotational access in FY 2027 would be Nantucket Lightship South
- In the Mid-Atlantic, strong growth and survival of the 2022 cohort that continues to drive FY 2026 landings, but no new recruitment observed.



SURVEY BIOMASS HOVERING NEAR 25 YEAR LOW

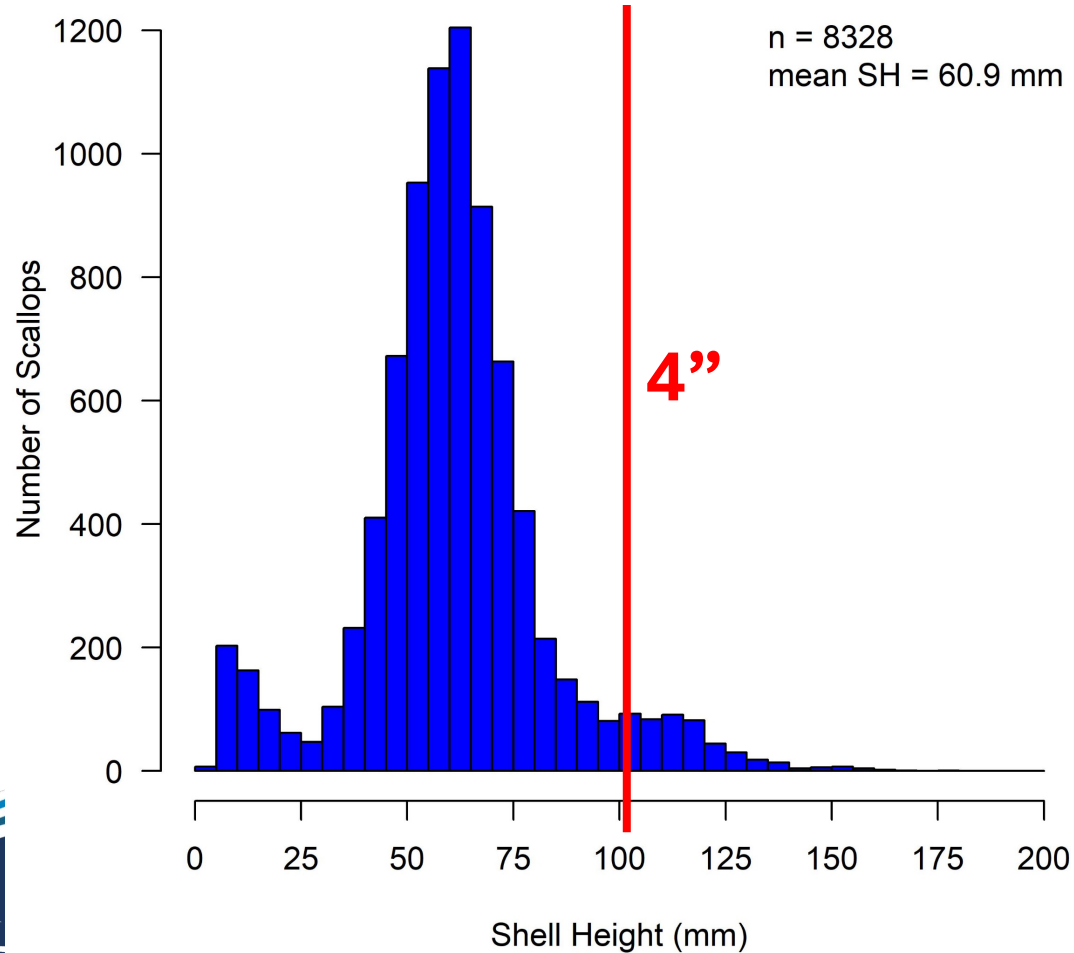


MOST GEORGES BANK SCALLOPS SMALLER THAN 4" RING



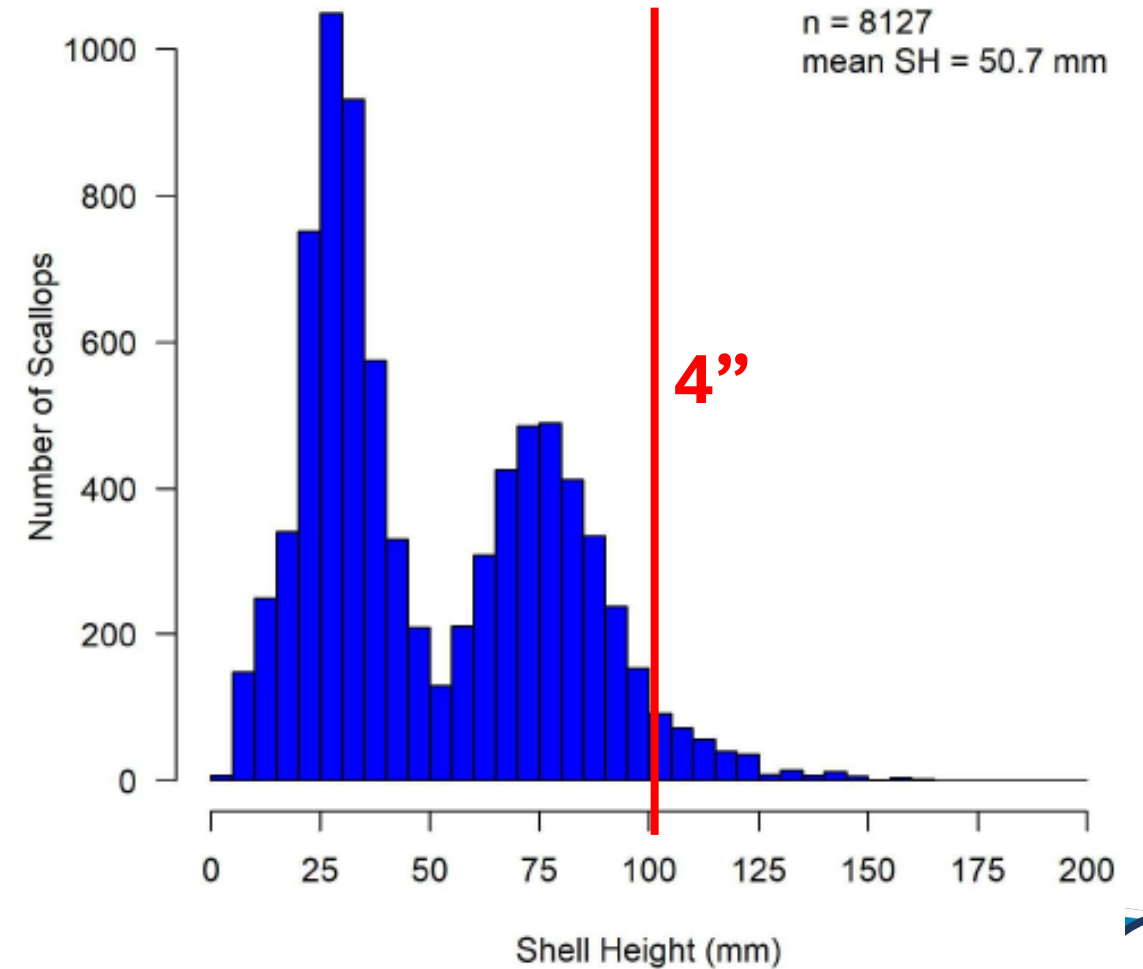
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Georges Bank all



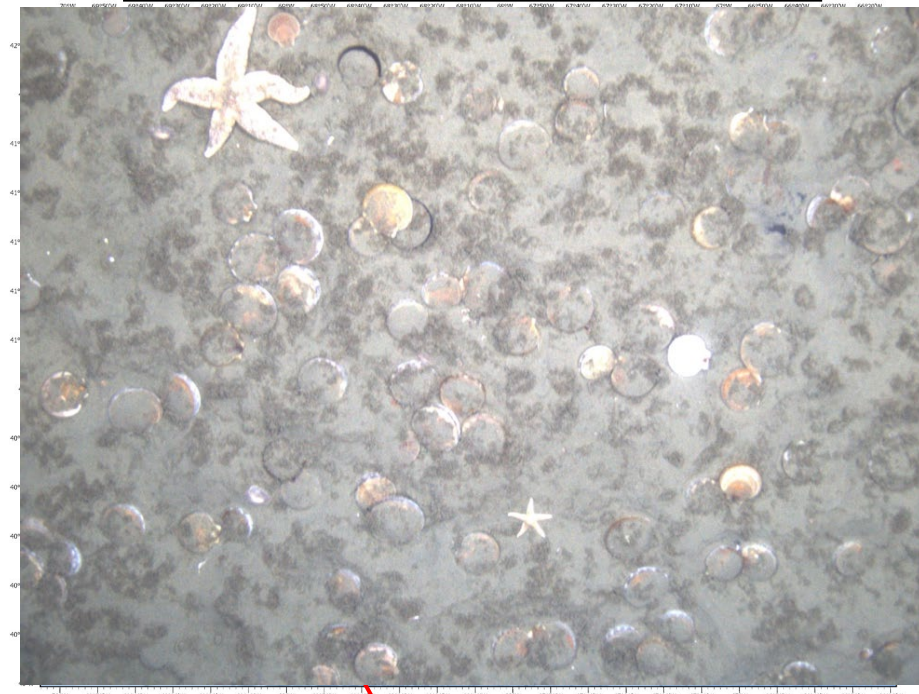
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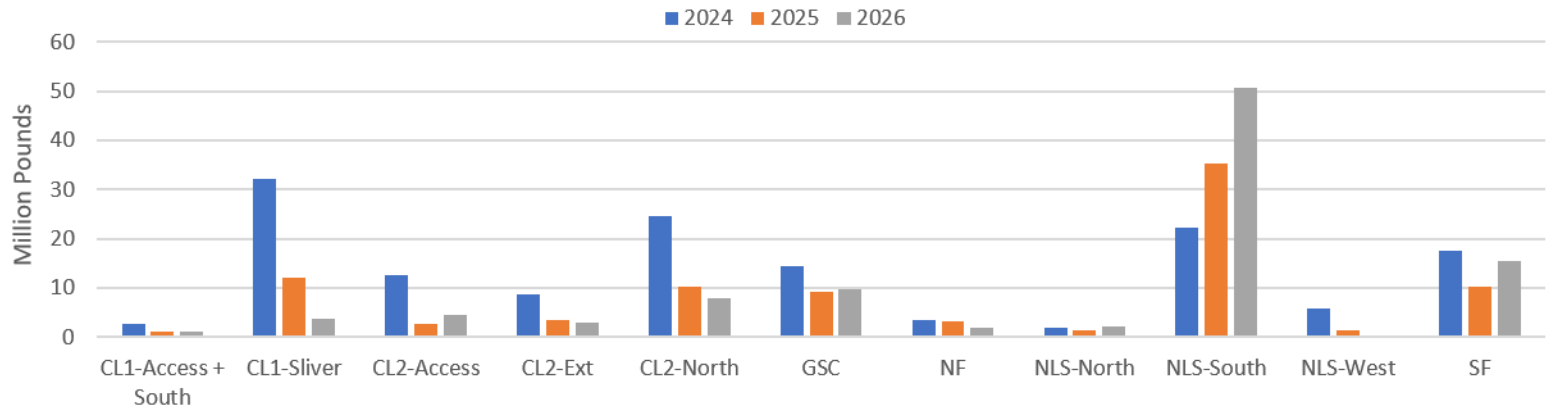
GEORGES BANK

Nantucket Lightship South CFF HabCam Survey, 2026

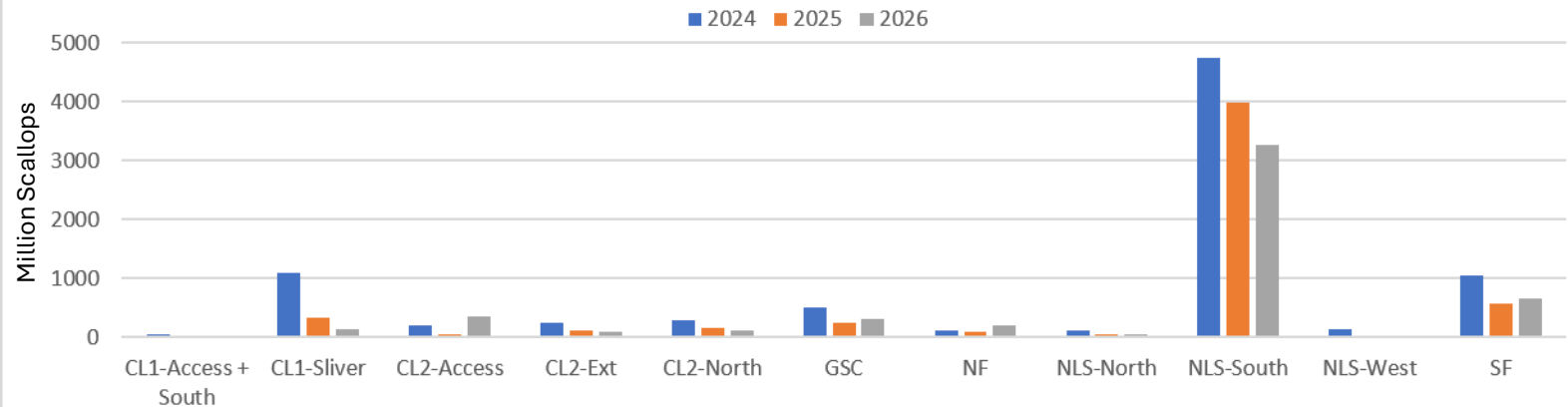


30% of scallop biomass
49% of scallop abundance

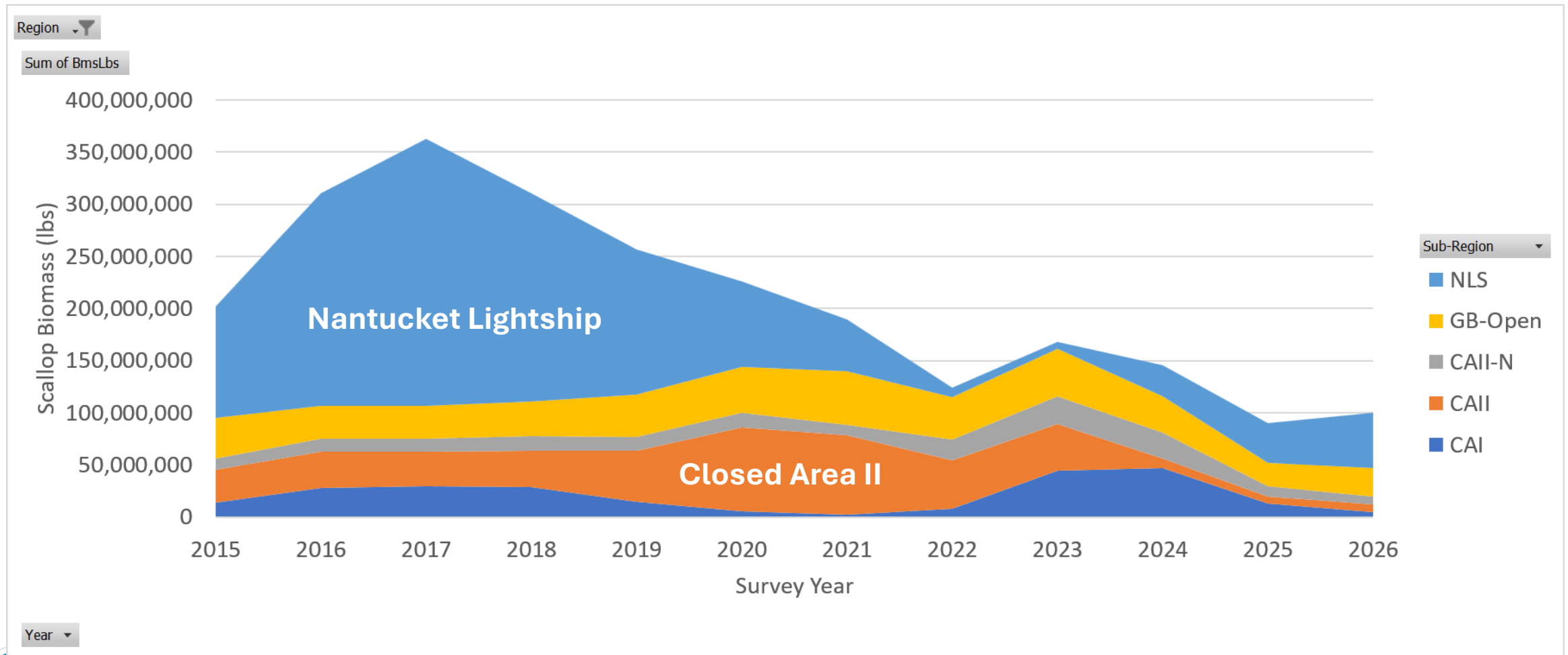
Scallop Biomass (lbs)



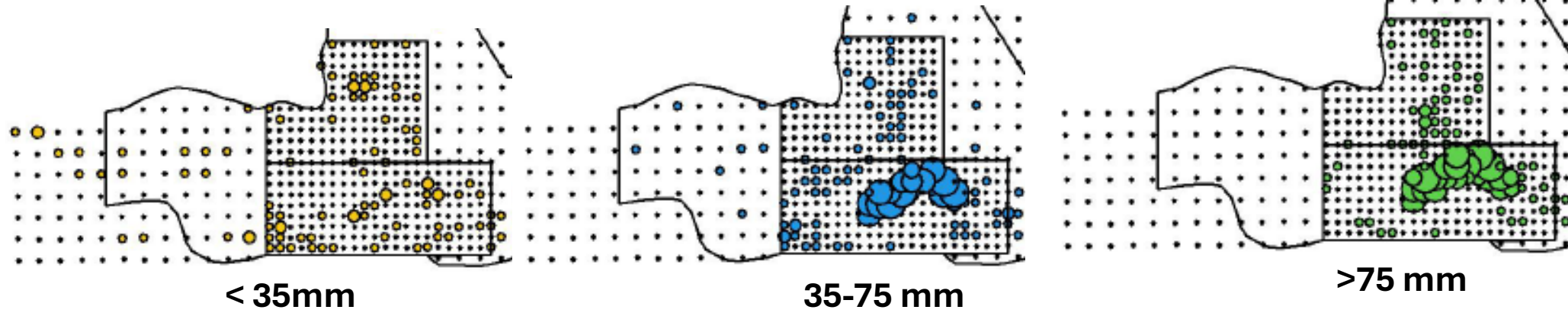
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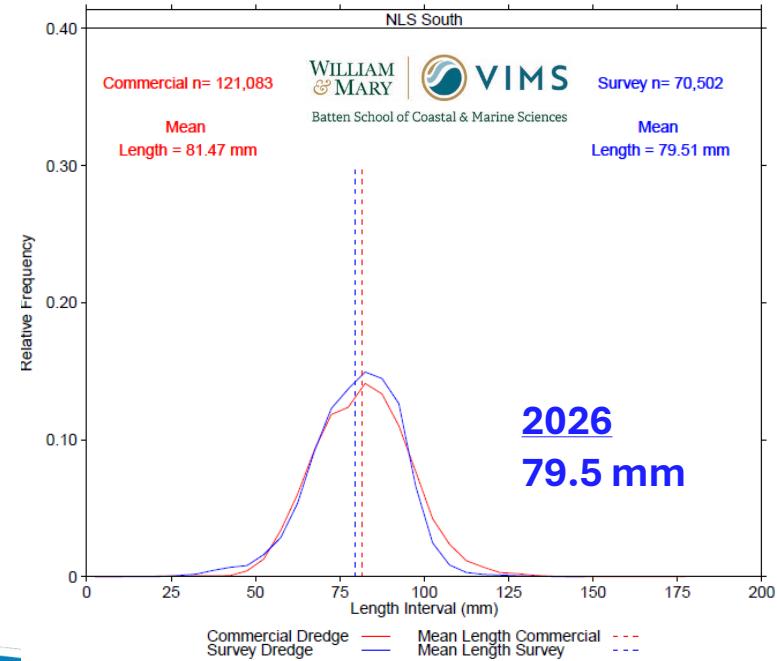
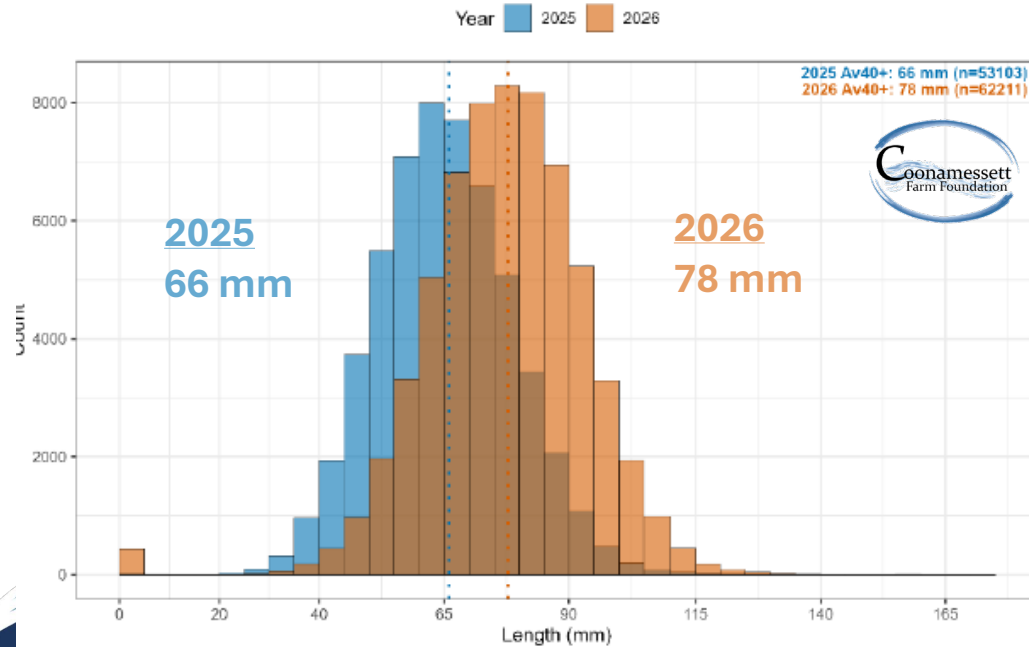
GEORGES BANK SURVEY BIOMASS



NANTUCKET LIGHTSHIP



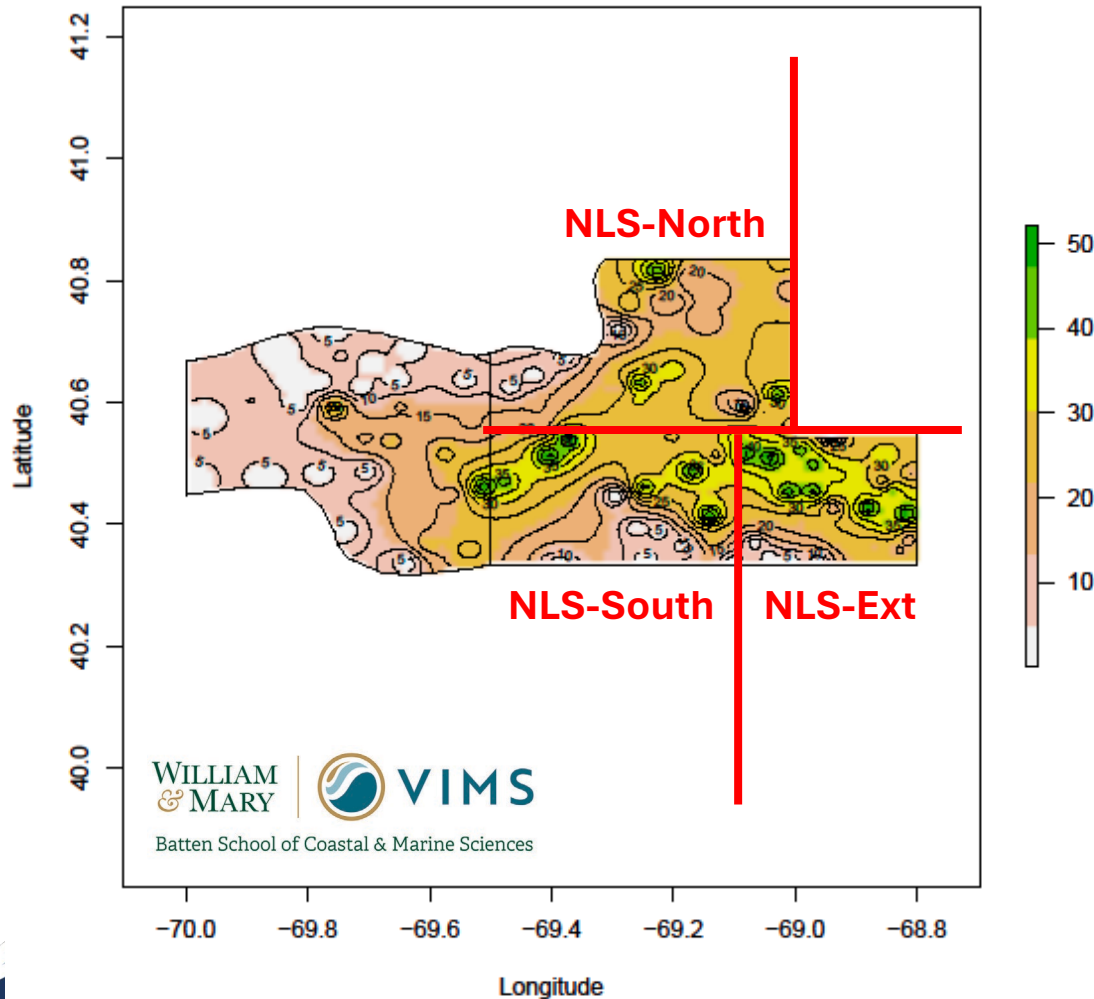
Length Frequency: NLS-South



SAMS_Area	Length	Commercial	Survey
NLS_South	22.5	0	12
NLS_South	27.5	0	66
NLS_South	32.5	0	137
NLS_South	37.5	0	327
NLS_South	42.5	100	483
NLS_South	47.5	516	575
NLS_South	52.5	1,569	1,141
NLS_South	57.5	4,095	2,014
NLS_South	62.5	7,296	3,782
NLS_South	67.5	11,207	6,474
NLS_South	72.5	14,333	8,657
NLS_South	77.5	14,972	9,657
NLS_South	82.5	17,081	10,533
NLS_South	87.5	16,150	10,199
NLS_South	92.5	13,332	8,910
NLS_South	97.5	9,296	4,653
NLS_South	102.5	5,136	1,745
NLS_South	107.5	2,877	607
NLS_South	112.5	1,416	220
NLS_South	117.5	856	122
NLS_South	122.5	365	87
NLS_South	127.5	282	54
NLS_South	132.5	125	31
NLS_South	137.5	49	12
NLS_South	142.5	16	1
NLS_South	147.5	9	2
NLS_South	152.5	2	0
NLS_South	157.5	1	0
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NLS_South	177.5	1	0

NANTUCKET LIGHTSHIP

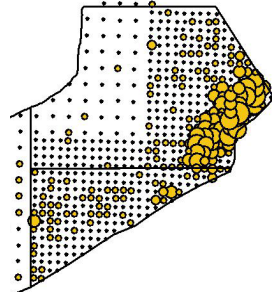
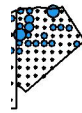
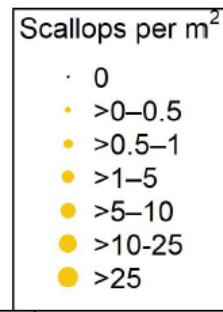
Interpolated Map of Scallop Meat Counts Per Pound
in the VIMS Nantucket Lightship Survey Domain for the Survey Dredge



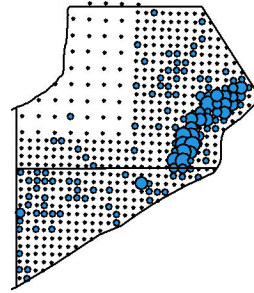
Sub-Area	2026 Biomass	Average Shell Size	Year Classes in the Area	Recruitment?	Density (per m ²)
NLS North	2.0 mil lbs.	2.5 in.	Multiple	Minor	~0.06
NLS South	26.2 mil lbs.	3 in.	One	Minor	~2.7
NLS Extension	24.6 mil lbs.	3 in.	One	Minor	~3.8

- Scallop PDT input for FY 2027
 - Could consider for access area trip
 - Recommended separate projection of NLS-Extension
 - Concerns about slow growth, incidental mortality, high-grading
 - Delayed opening, seasonal closure?

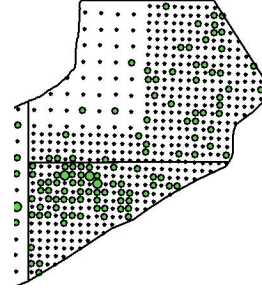
AREA II



< 35mm

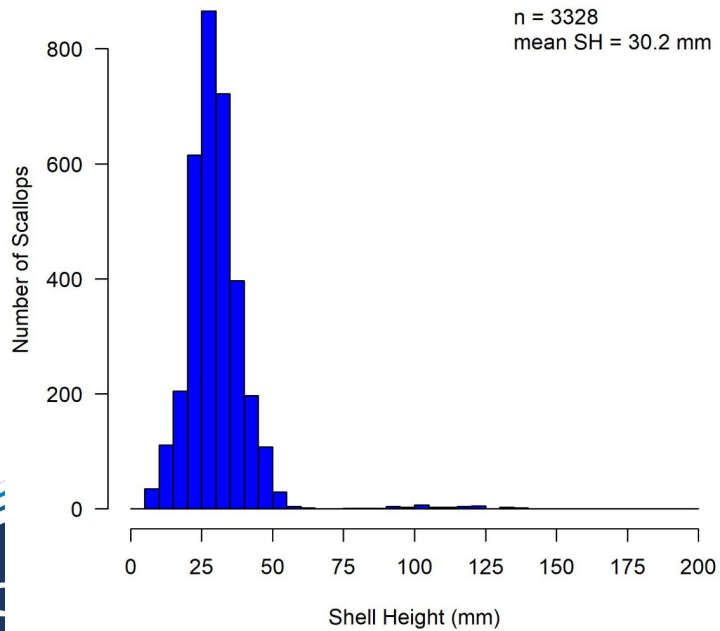


35-75 mm

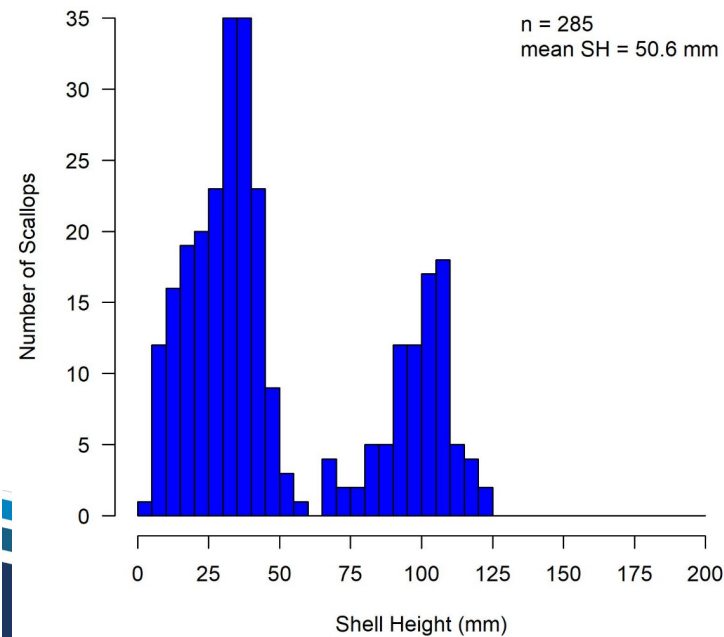


>75 mm

CL2-Access

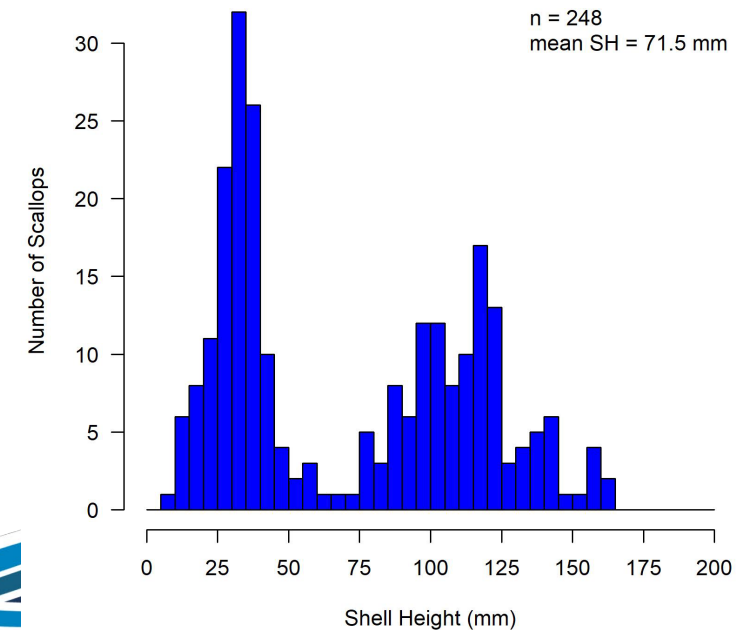


CL2-Ext

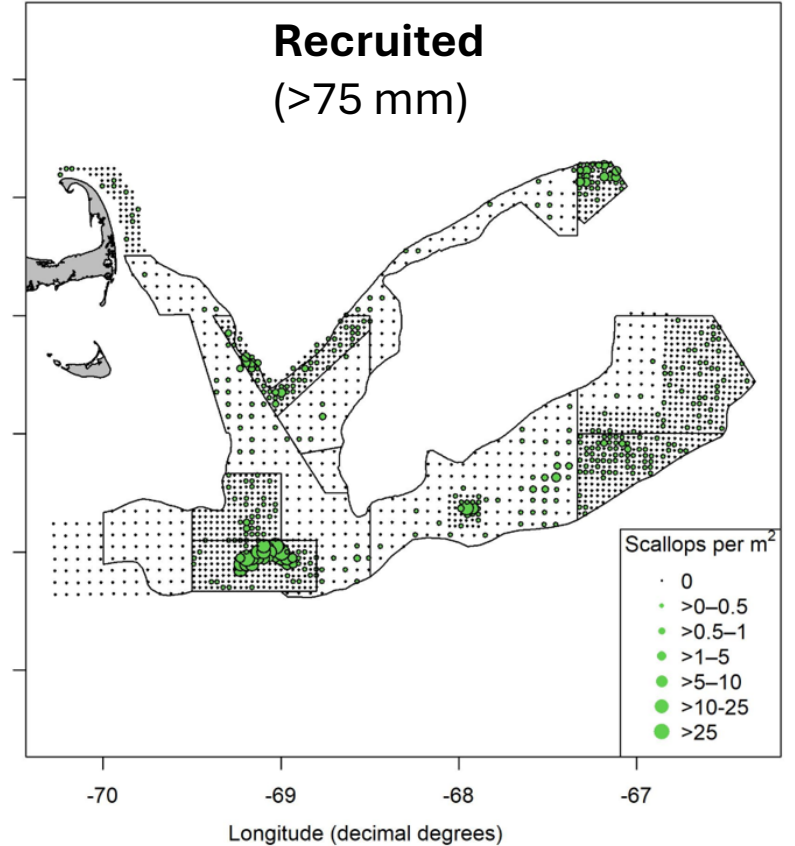
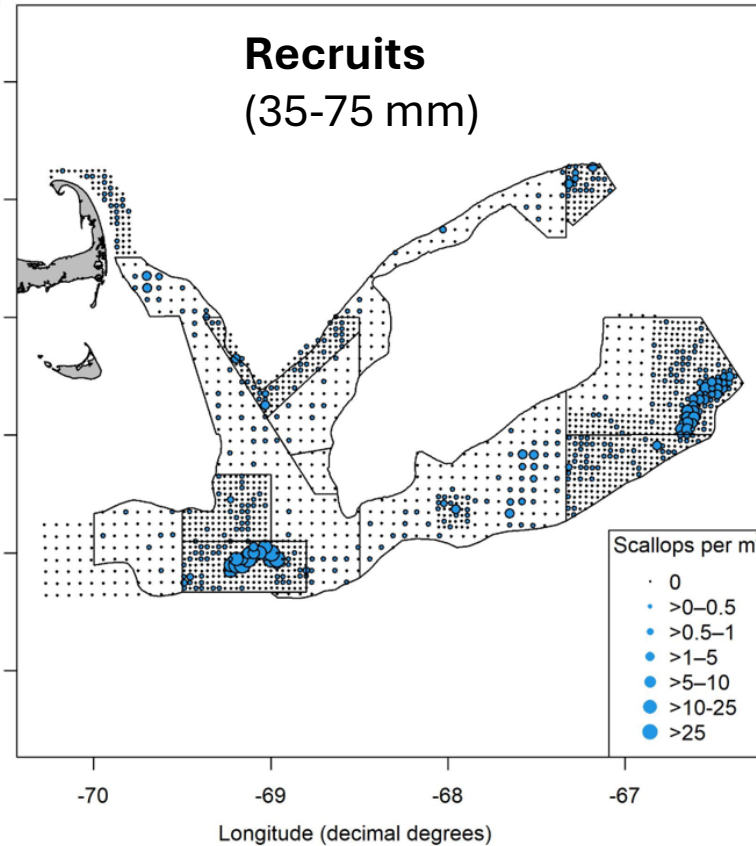
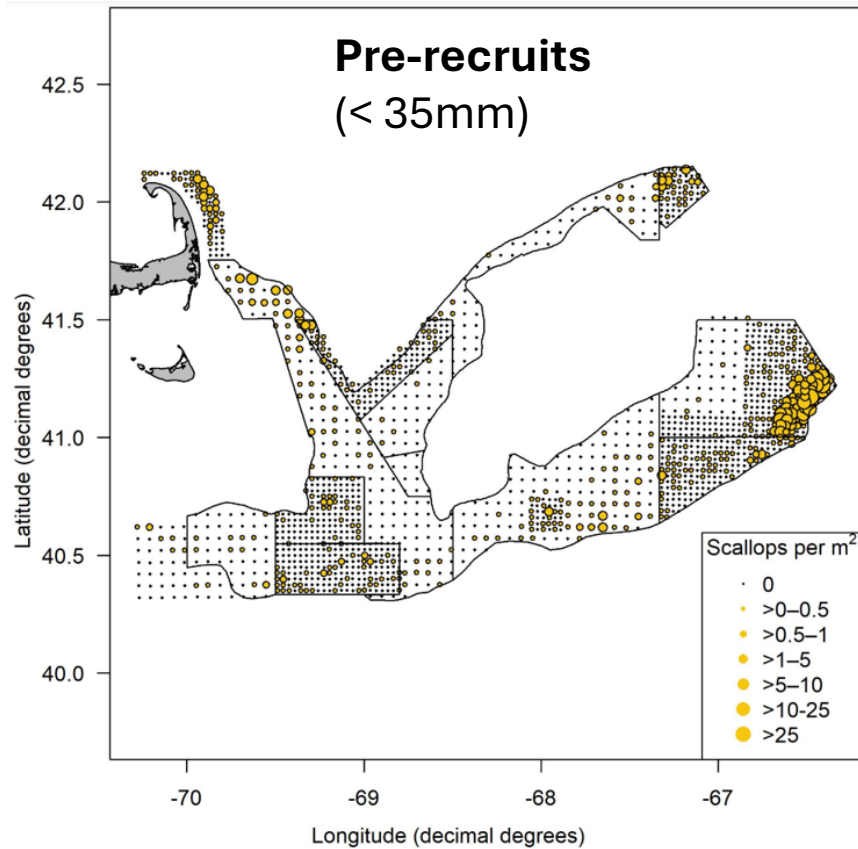


Northern Edge / HAPC

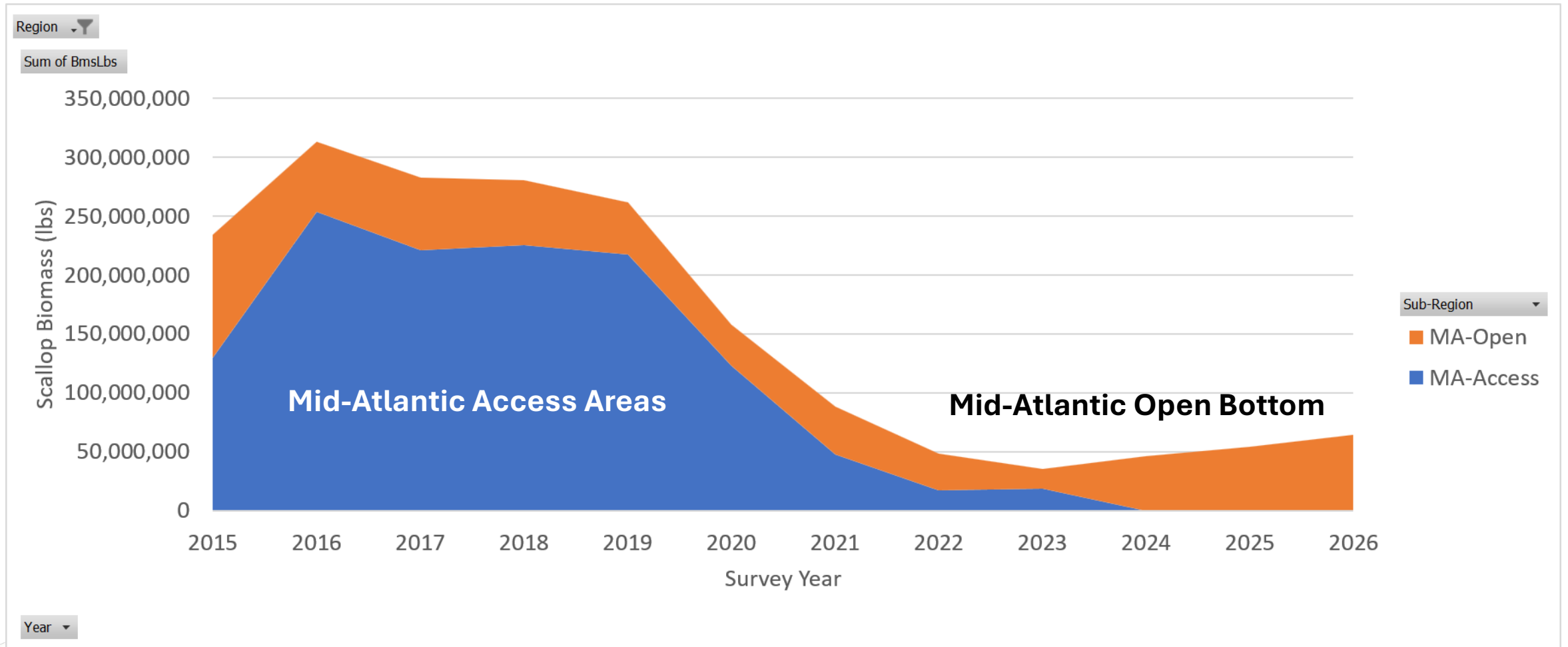
CL2-North



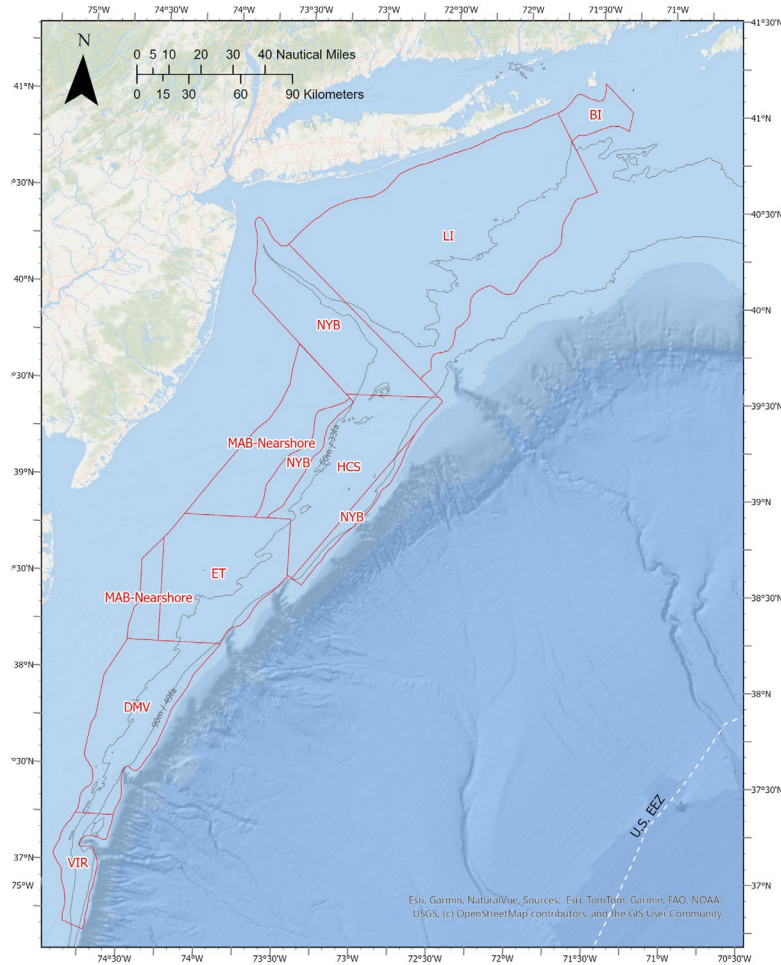
GEORGES BANK OPEN



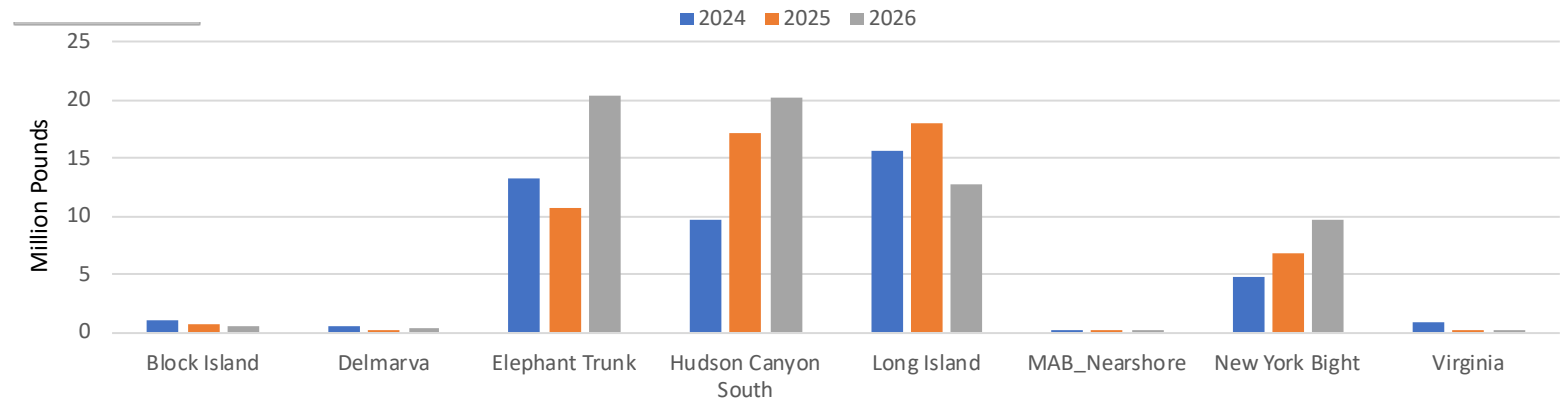
MID-ATLANTIC SURVEY BIOMASS



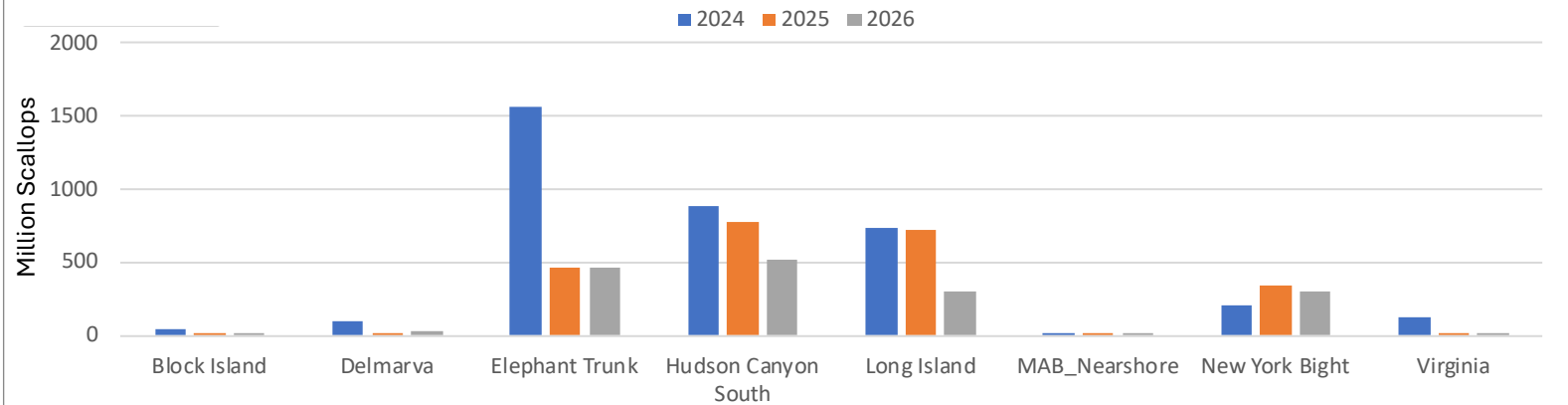
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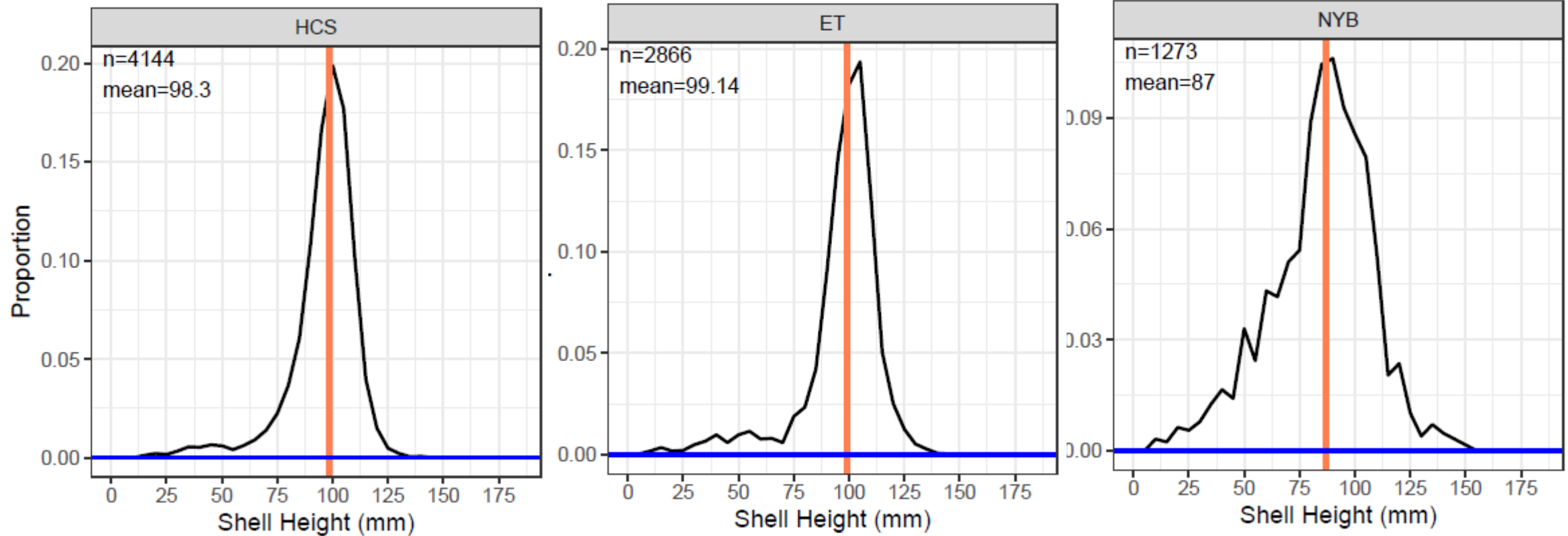
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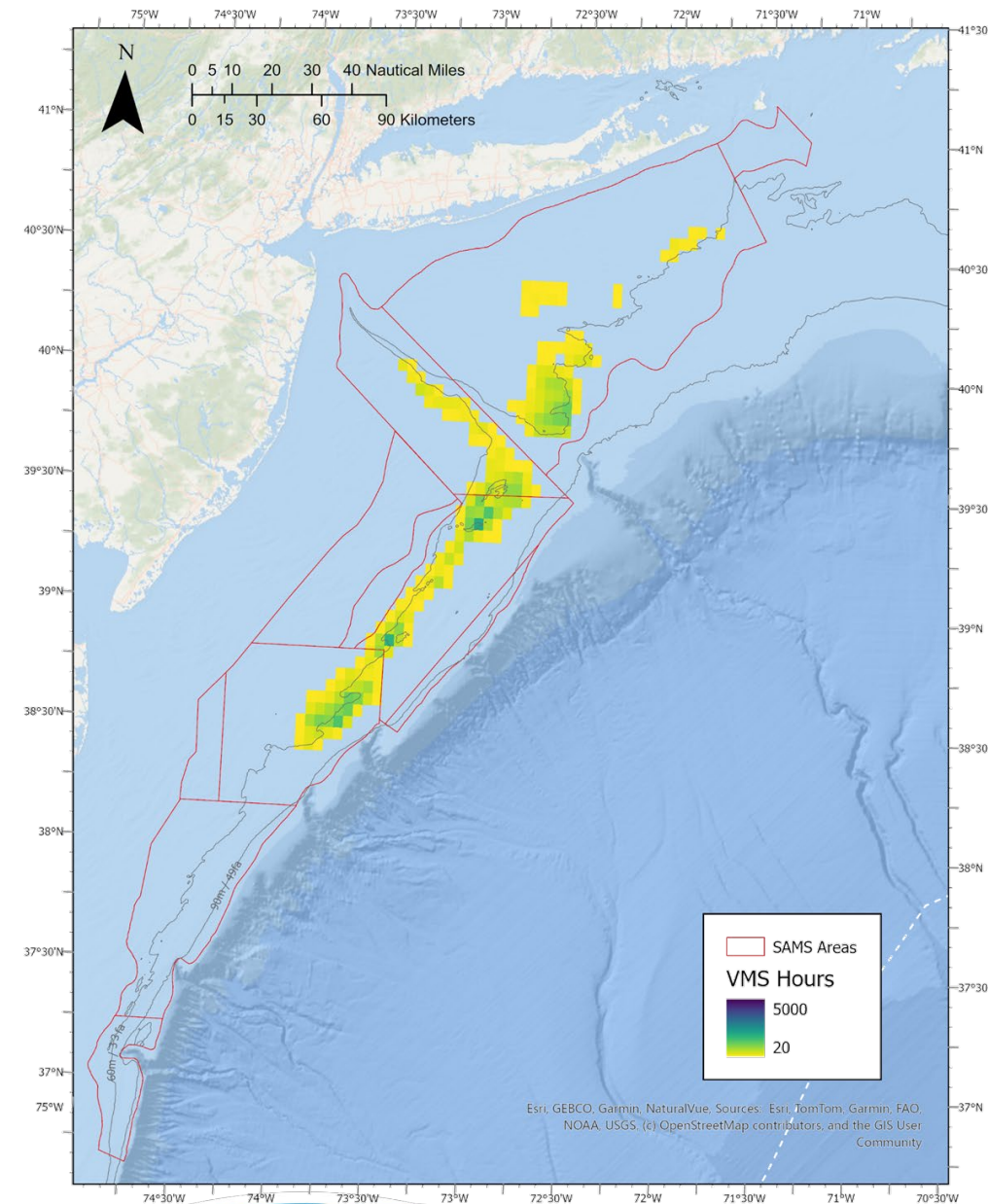
LITTLE NEW RECRUITMENT IN THE MID-ATLANTIC



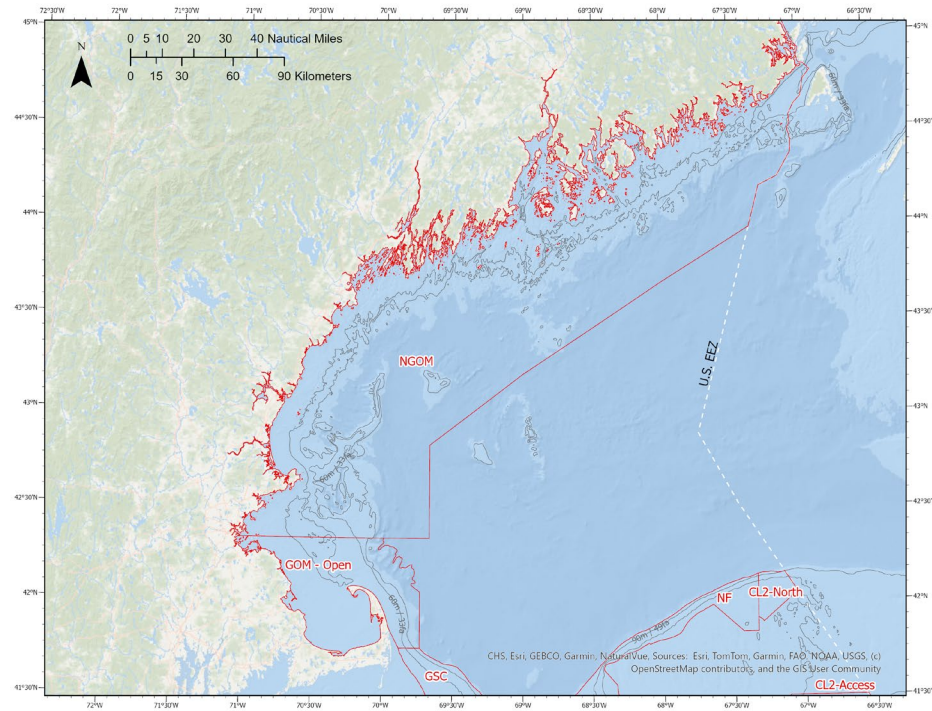
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LARGE MID-ATLANTIC OPEN BOTTOM HARVEST DURING SURVEY SEASON

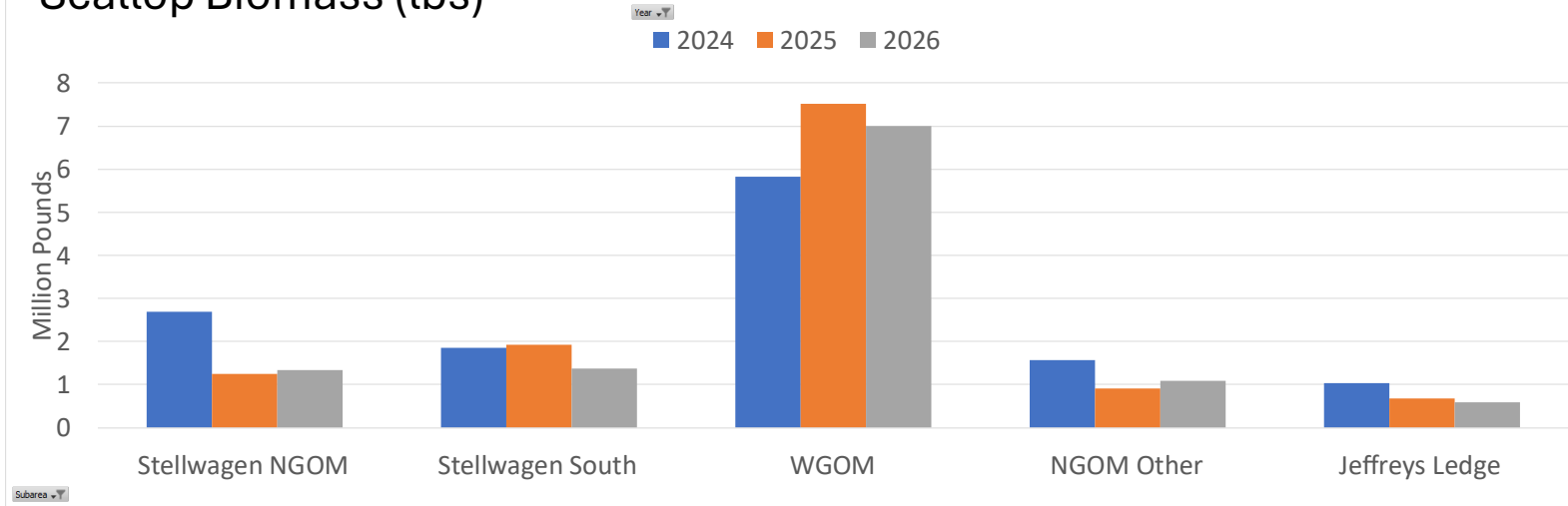
- Fishery harvested ~10 million lbs. from the Mid-Atlantic from April – June.
- Surveys occurred before/during this period



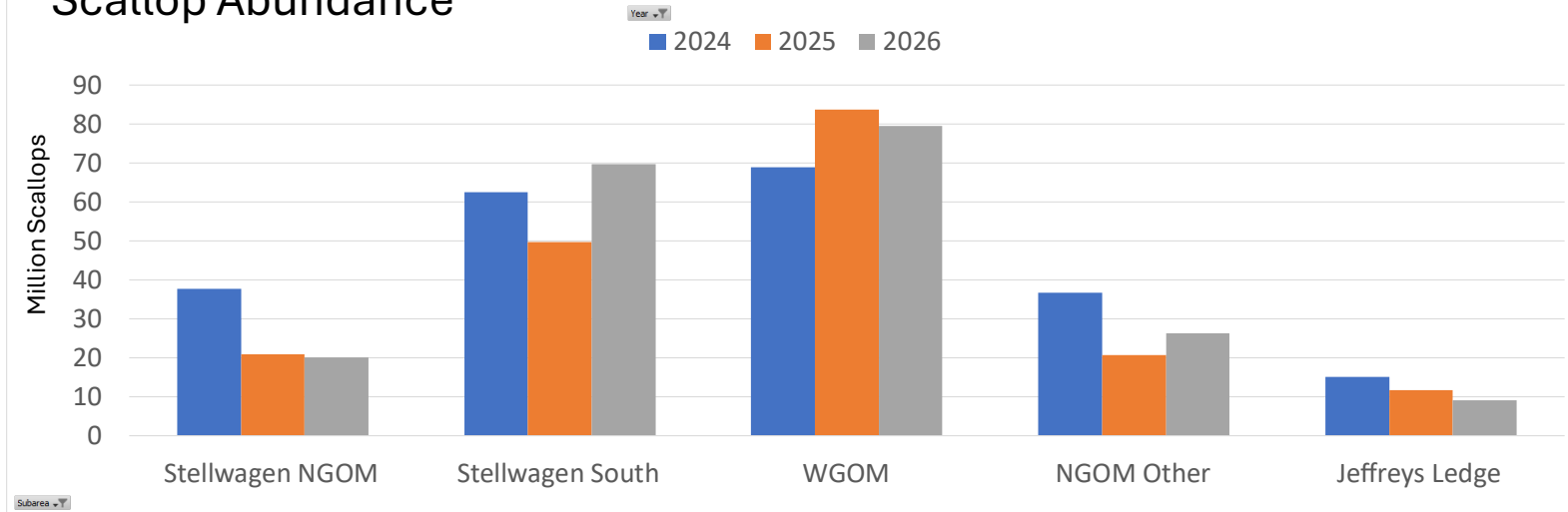
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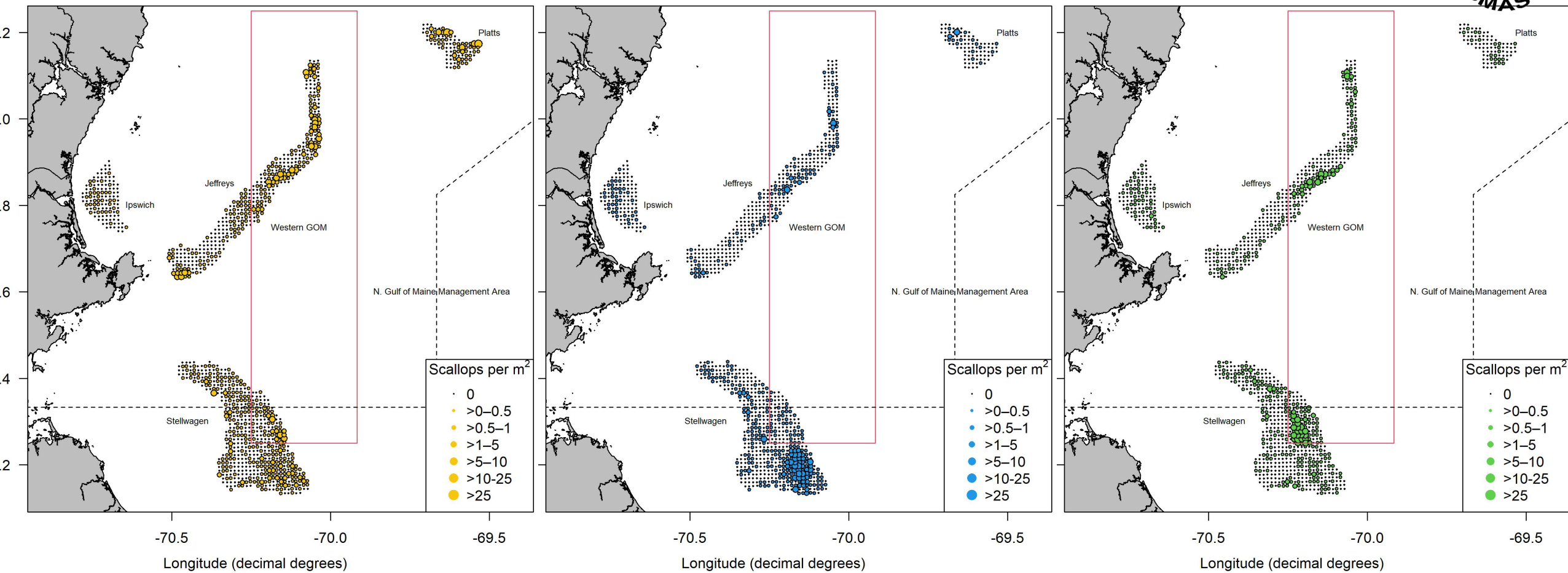
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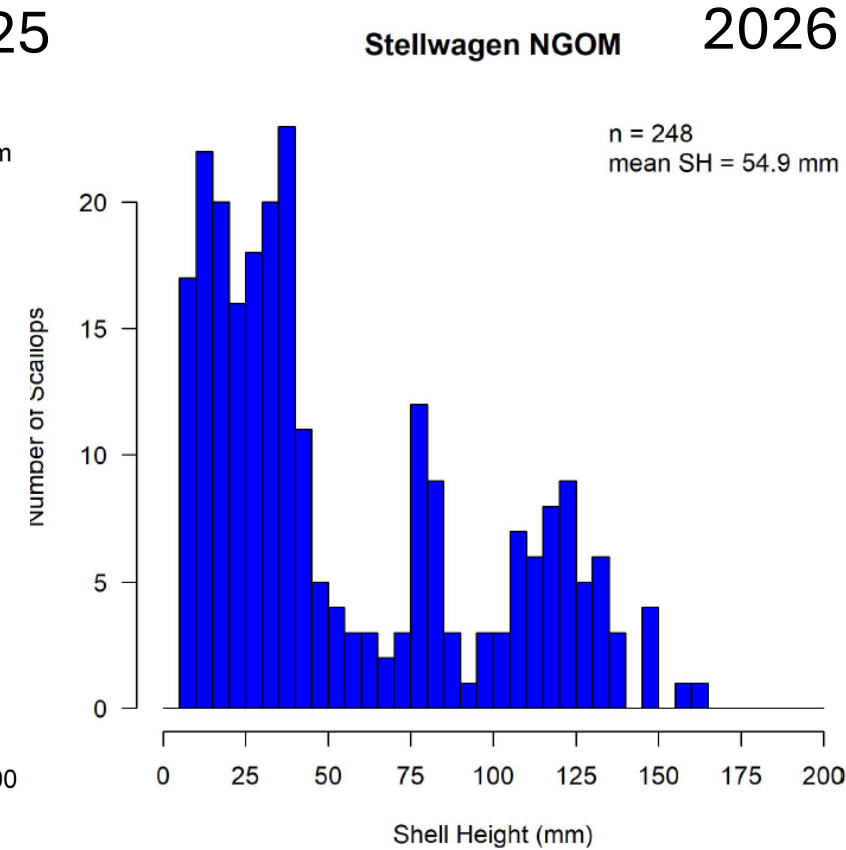
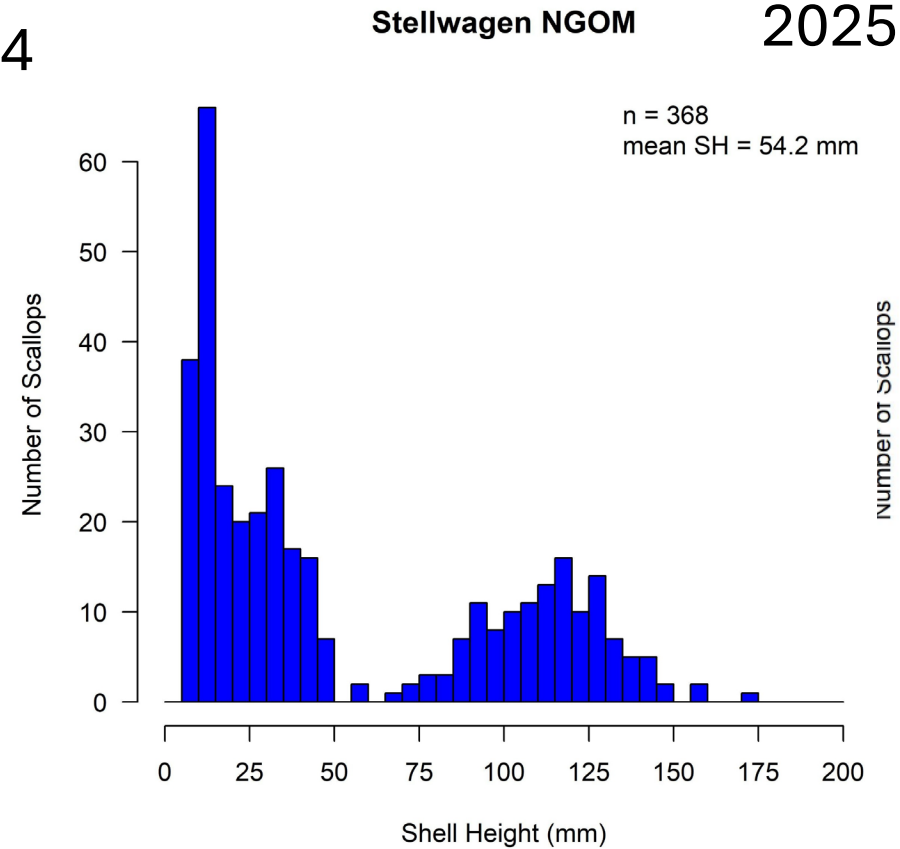
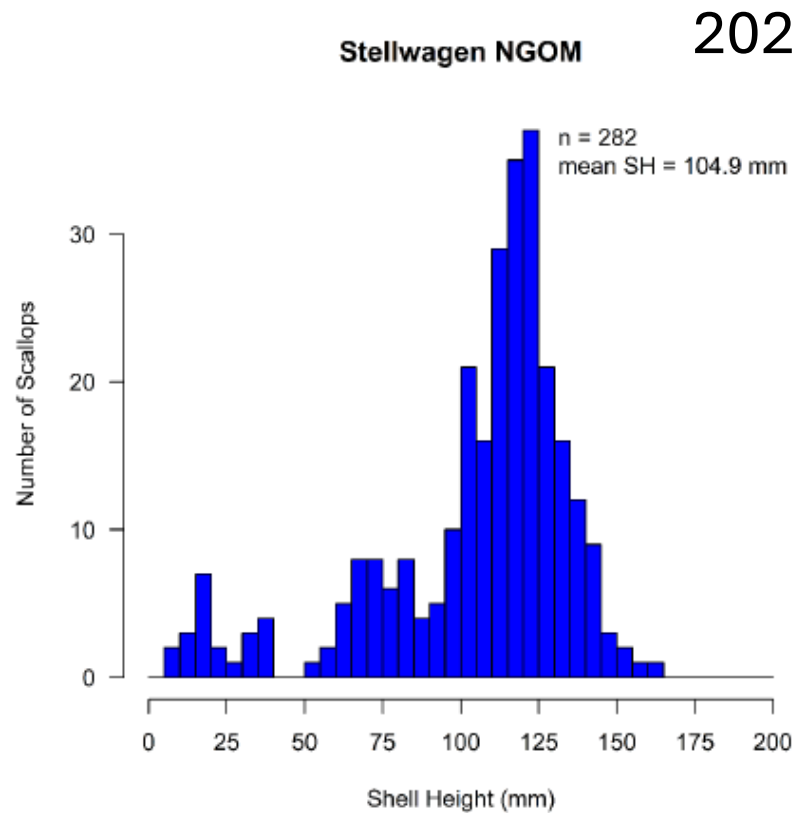
Scallop Abundance



GULF OF MAINE



GULF OF MAINE – DECLINING EXPLOITABLE BIOMASS



LPUE

FW 40 estimate:

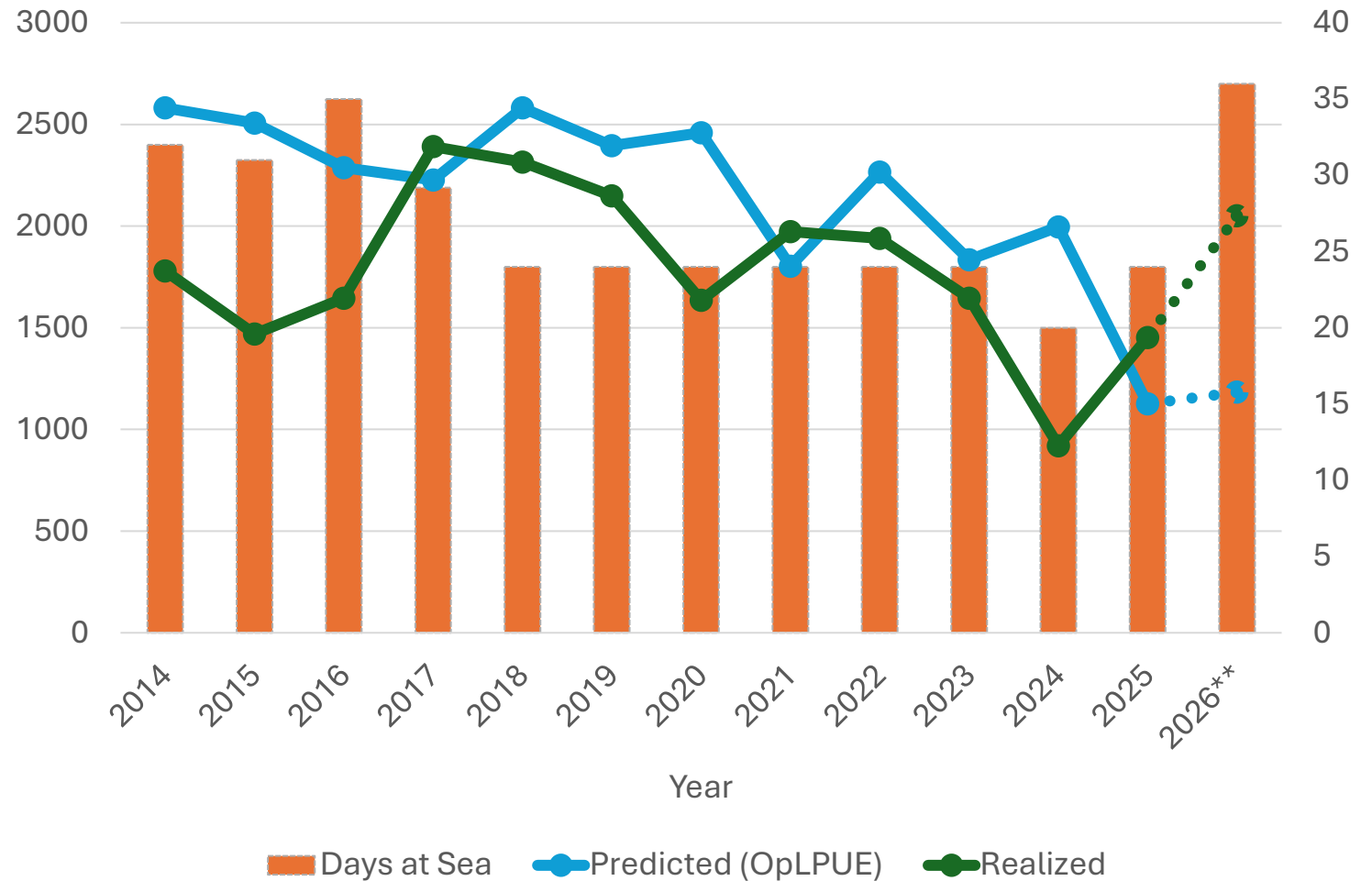
1,373 lb per day

- Based on 3-year average

As of September 2, 2026

Open Area Fishing:

- 7471 DAS used
- 15,259,539 lb landed
- LPUE: 2,042 lb/day



SCALLOP PDT DISCUSSION AND INPUT

- Recommend continued closure of Area II to protect new recruitment event
- Nantucket Lightship South has sufficient exploitable biomass to support access area fishing, but PDT recommends considering slow growth of this cohort
 - Leaving the Nantucket Lightship Extension closed could limit high grading of scallops with poorer yield.
 - Additional measures that could limit fishing mortality, such as a delayed opening, would be beneficial.
- Recruitment throughout the Gulf of Maine, Great South Channel, Area I, and Area II is a positive signal, but no additional areas with sufficient density to recommend a closure.
- Scallop PDT recommended initial projection of 24 DAS and 1x 15,000 pound trip to the Nantucket Lightship (South +/- North, exclude Extension)



SCALLOP AP & COMMITTEE DISCUSSION AND INPUT

- Scallop AP recommended analysis:
 - **24-36 Days-at-Sea**
 - 1 access area trip to a combined Nantucket Lightship North & South area
 - Trip limit from 9,000-15,000 pounds
 - Delayed opening until **July 1**
 - Maintain closure of Area II, Nantucket Lightship Extension (69.1W boundary)
- Scallop Committee recommended analysis:
 - **20-40 Days-at-Sea**
 - 1 access area trip to a combined Nantucket Lightship North & South area
 - Trip limit from 9,000-15,000 pounds
 - Delayed opening until **June 1**
 - Maintain closure of Area II, Nantucket Lightship Extension (69.1W boundary)



QUESTIONS?



FRAMEWORK 42 – MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR FY 2028

Doc 4.
FW42 Discussion Doc

Goal: Review recent work to develop measures for regional Day-at-Sea management and sub-management areas in the Northern Gulf of Maine.

Council Action: One Committee motion for today



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SCALLOP FRAMEWORK 42

Scope of action

- Region-specific Days-at-Sea, NGOM sub-management areas
 - Developing the mechanism, separate from any allocations.

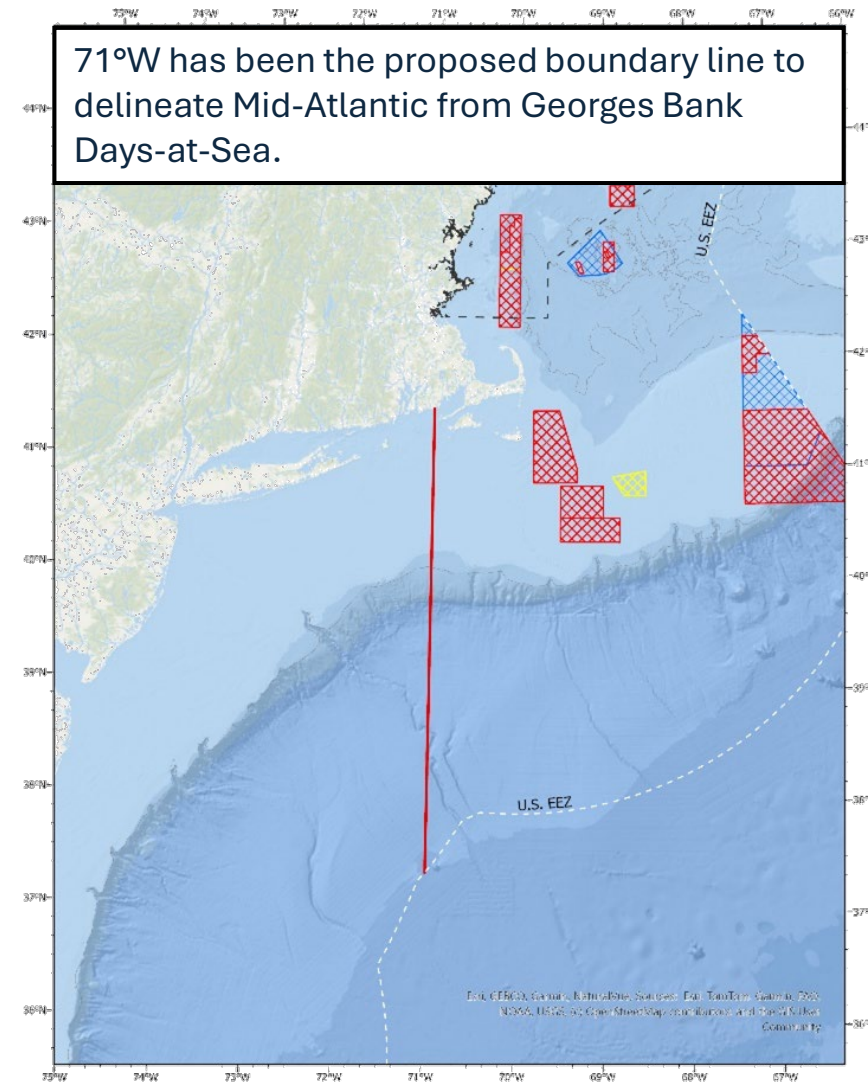
Key milestones & meetings

- Framework 42 initiated in June 2026
- Updates today and in December
- Council takes final action in April 2027 (or earlier, if possible)



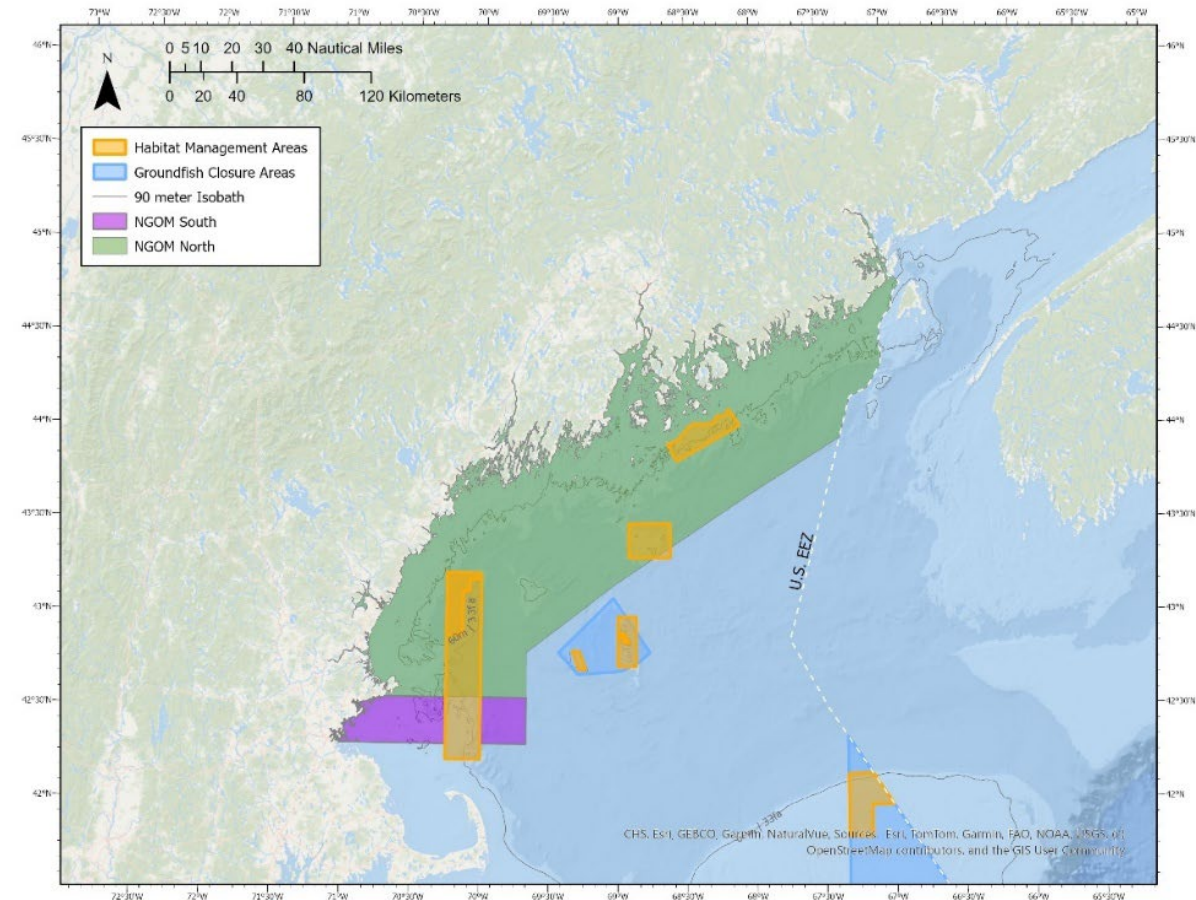
REGIONAL DAY-AT-SEA MANAGEMENT

- Strategic Plan work item - Enabling the Council to allocate DAS separately between the Mid-Atlantic and Georges Bank
- Reduce risk of regional overfishing when large differences in regional LPUE lead to overconcentration of fishing effort
- 2025 stock assessment estimated that overfishing was occurring on Georges Bank in 2023, when this concentration was greatest.



NORTHERN GULF OF MAINE SUB-MANAGEMENT AREAS

- More accurate F-rate → realized F-rate on Stellwagen Bank in recent years higher than $F=0.15-0.25$
- Shift effort towards other banks/ledges in the NGOM which see little fishing effort, which could help find small scallop beds that are not found during the surveys
- Could extend season length



SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATIONS

REGIONAL DAS

- **DAS trading:** exchange in equal increments (fractional values permitted)
 - Rationale: improves flexibility, avoids stacking of DAS
- **DAS trade cap:** none; vessel could exchange all Mid-Atl DAS for Georges Bank DAS
 - Rationale: Simpler option
- **Timing of DAS trading:** in-season trading permitted
 - Rationale: GARFO has programmatic support; similar to access area trips via FishOnline
- **DAS carryover:** apportioned using ratio of Mid-Atl to Georges Bank DAS used to set next year's regional DAS allocation; no change in 10 DAS carryover
 - Rationale: mechanism to transition from non-regional to regional DAS between years



SUMMARY OF PDT RECOMMENDATIONS:

NGOM SUB-AREAS

- **No transit corridor between sub-areas**
 - Rationale: Input from OLE; simpler monitoring/enforcement, continuous transit with gear stowage requirements (like other access areas)
- **Simultaneous opening of sub-areas**
 - Rationale: separate VMS codes so possible to monitor/enforce; could spread out fishing effort, control F mort; would NOT explicitly address vessel over-crowding
- **Status quo accountability measure**
 - Rationale: consistent with other scallop management measures



HOW TO MOVE FORWARD WITH FW42?

❖ REGIONAL DAS

September AP Input:

- Mixed opinions, some support for developing new management tools, even if not needed immediately.
- Others thought this was overly constraining to the fishery and not necessary and wanted to discontinue work.

September Committee Motion:

- Tabled motion for today: ***Recommend that the Council discontinue development of measures in Framework 42 to support regional management of Limited Access Days-at-Sea, while continuing development of Northern Gulf of Maine sub-management areas.***



HOW TO MOVE FORWARD WITH FW42?

❖ NGOM SUB-MANAGEMENT AREAS

September AP Input:

- Mixed opinions, although largely supported by AP members who participate in the NGOM fishery.

September Committee Motions:

- Tabled motion for today: *Recommend that the Council discontinue development of measures in Framework 42 to support regional management of Limited Access Days-at-Sea, while **continuing development of Northern Gulf of Maine sub-management areas.***



NEXT STEPS ON FW42

1. Enforcement Committee meeting (tent. Fall)
 - Bring forward any questions/concerns on program details of regional DAS and NGOM sub-areas
2. Nov. AP & Committee meetings
 - Update, define range of alternatives
3. January - February
 - Select preferred alternatives, final action (April or earlier, TBD)



COMMITTEE MOTIONS (9/10 MEETING)

5. MOTION (PLATZ/M. SMITH)

Move that the Committee recommend that the Council discontinue development of measures in Framework 42 to support regional management of Limited Access Days-at-Sea, while continuing development of Northern Gulf of Maine sub-management areas.

5A. MOTION (BRAWN/M. SMITH)

Table Committee motion #5 until Scallop Committee Report agenda topic at the September Council meeting.

Differing opinions around the Committee that would benefit from additional time and consultation with NOAA partners.

Carried 6-0-0



SCALLOP WORK PRIORITIES

Goal: Review the Scallop work plan for 2027-2029

Council Action: One Committee Motion for today



SCALLOP STRATEGIC PLAN

Strategic Plan Objectives

1. Improve management capacity, flexibility, and responsiveness in a changing environment.
2. Improve the reliability of annual projections
3. Expand opportunities in the NGOM while maintaining conservative management
4. Improve rotational management performance
5. Improve fishing practices
6. Maintain economic viability of the scallop fleet
7. Maintain a dynamic Scallop Research Set-Aside program
8. Develop infrastructure to support scallop enhancement
9. Improve scallop industry engagement



SCALLOP STRATEGIC PLAN

- **Council's Holistic Strategic Plan (2026-2036)**
 - Overarching, not fishery specific. Four goals outlined to improve Council processes and decision-making.
 - Implementation plan is still ongoing (*update during Sept. Council meeting*).
- **Scallop Strategic Plan** was developed to define a shared vision for the direction of the scallop fishery over the next 3-5 years and provide actionable steps to get there.
 - Informed by four visioning sessions and input from Council members, NOAA Fisheries staff, and scallop fishermen and processors from across the region.
 - Highlighted 9 overall objectives and 29 strategies to work towards those objectives
 - Align implementation of the Scallop Strategic Plan with the Holistic Strategic Plan as it is fleshed out – already a lot of overlap between the two.



2027 WORK PLAN - Draft

Doc 5.
Scallop Work Plan 2027-2029

Purpose	Priority Type	Description	Timeline
Strategy 1.3, 3.2	Required	Complete and submit FW42	Complete Spring 2027
Strategy 1.4, Required	Required	Complete and submit 2027 Specifications Package	Complete Winter 2027
Required	Required	Set ABC/ACL for scallop stock with specifications for FY 2028 (FY 2029 default)	2027
Strategy 4.2	Discretionary	Framework to set management measures for FY 2028 Northern Edge access (TBD, dependent on Habitat)	TBD, dependent on Habitat
Strategy 7.2	Ongoing	Scallop RSA Management (Share-Day, if needed 2028 RSA priorities)	Ongoing
Strategy 2.1, 2.2	Ongoing	Scallop Stock Projection Methods	Summer 2027
Strategy 5.1	Discretionary	Joint PDT/AP working group to develop white paper on improving scallop fishing practices, including a working definition of ‘high-grading’	2027
Strategy 5.1, 8.1	Ongoing	Scallop Strategic Plan Ongoing Work	Ongoing
Strategy 1.1, 2.4	Discretionary	Coordinate review of Automated Detection technology for use in scallop surveys with sub-group of SSC & NOAA Science Center involvement	2027



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Objective	Type	Description	Timeline
Strategy 1.4, Required	Required	Complete and submit 2028 Specifications Package	Complete Winter 2028
Strategy 4.2	Required	Complete and submit (Northern Edge?) Framework Action • Timing TBD, dependent on Habitat	Complete early 2028
Required	Required	Set ABC/ACL for scallop stock with specifications for FY 2029 (FY 2030 default)	2028
Strategy 1.5	Discretionary	Framework to set management measures for FY 2029 • In-season, reactive management triggers.	2028
Strategy 7.2	Ongoing	Scallop RSA Management (Set 2-year priorities, Share-Day, Program Support)	Ongoing
Strategy 2.1, 2.2	Ongoing	Implementation of Scallop Stock Project Methods	Ongoing
Strategy 5.1, 9.1	Discretionary	Conduct Council-led outreach on improving scallop fishing practices informed by outcomes from the 2027 white paper	2028
Strategy 5.1	Ongoing	Scallop Strategic Plan Ongoing Work	Ongoing
Required	Required	Scallop Stock Assessment or Data Update	TBD



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Strategy 1.4, Required	Required	Complete and submit 2029 Specifications Package	Complete Winter 2029
Strategy 1.5	Required	Complete and submit (In-season adjustment) Framework Action	Complete early 2029
Required	Required	Set ABC/ACL for scallop stock with specifications for FY 2030 (FY 2031 default)	2029
Strategy 8.2	Discretionary	Framework to set management measures for FY 2030 Scallop Enhancement Set-Aside, informed by VIMS report on surfclam and scallop enhancement project (target completion in 2029)	2029
Strategy 5.1, 9.1	Ongoing	Scallop RSA Management (Share-Day, Program Support)	Ongoing
Scallop 5.1	Ongoing	Scallop Strategic Plan Ongoing Work	Ongoing
Strategy 1.7, 4.1	Discretionary	Evaluation of scallop specification setting process and outcomes to improve management of high-density areas	2029

SCALLOP STRATEGIC PLAN

Scallop AP Motions

- Approved the Work Plan for 2027-2029
- Recommended adding measures to limit time fishing in access area trips as a work item for 2027 → would address Scallop Strategic Plan Objectives 4 (Improve Rotational Management Performance) and 5 (Improve Fishing Practices).

Scallop Committee Motions

- Approved the Work Plan for 2027-2029
- *Tabled Motion for today: Include a 2027 work item to develop measures to limit fishing time in access areas.*



COMMITTEE MOTIONS (9/10 MEETING)

6. MOTION (PLATZ/HANSEN)

Move that the Committee recommend that the Council include the following as part of the 2027 work plan: the ability to limit DAS fishing time in closed areas as a time limiting access area management tool as expeditiously as possible.

Rationale: important tool to address high-grading and loss of resource in closed areas, need as soon as possible with industry input

6A. MOTION (BRAWN/PLATZ)

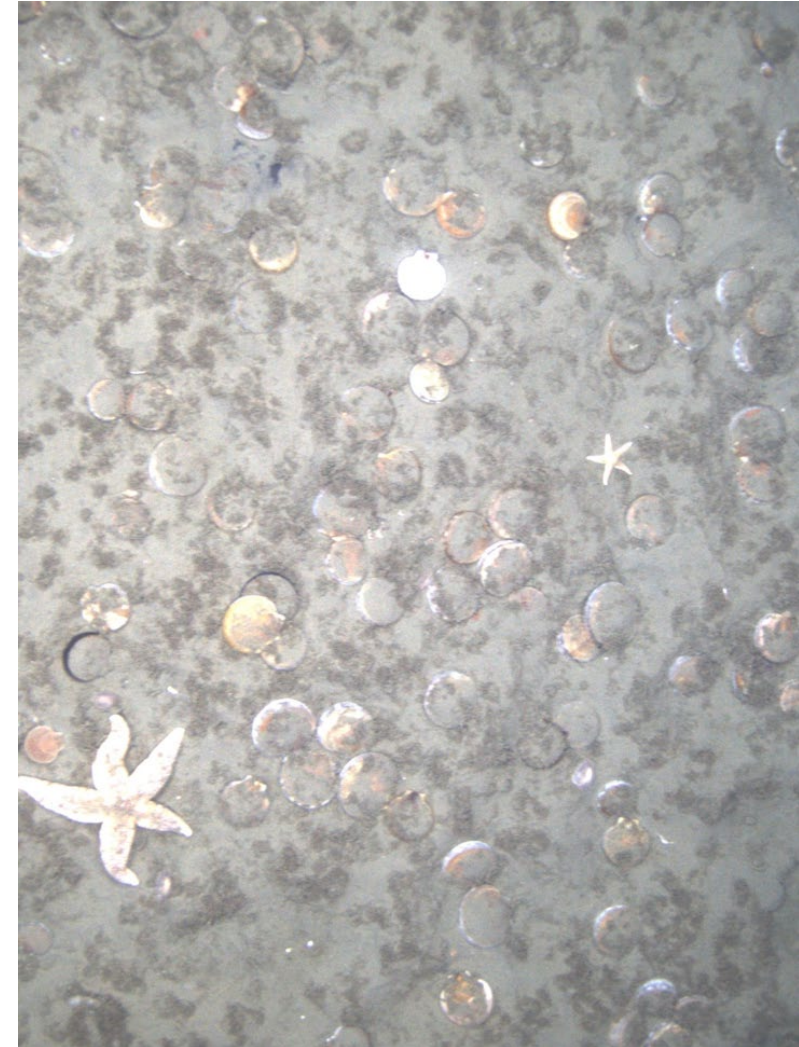
Table Committee motion #6 until Scallop Committee Report agenda topic at the September Council meeting.

Carried unanimously by consent



Nantucket Lightship South CFF HabCam 2026

QUESTIONS?



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2025 RESEARCH TRACK ASSESSMENT

	Definition in Scallop FMP		SARC 65 (2018)	2020 Management Track	2025 Research Track
OFL	F_{MSY}	Mid-Atlantic	$F_{MSY\ MA} = 0.73$	$F_{MSY\ MA} = 0.72$	$F_{MSY\ MA} = 1.56$
		Georges Bank	$F_{MSY\ GB} = 0.57$	$F_{MSY\ GB} = 0.46$	$F_{MSY\ GB} = 0.36$
		Combined Regional	$F_{MSY} = 0.64$	$F_{MSY} = 0.61$	$F_{MSY} = 0.49$
ABC=ACL	25% probability of exceeding the OFL		$F = 0.51$	$F = 0.45$	$F = 0.36$
B_{MSY}	B_{TARGET}		116,766 mt	102,657 mt	93,282 mt
$\frac{1}{2} B_{MSY}$	$B_{THRESHOLD}$		58,383 mt	51,329 mt	46,641 mt
MSY			46,531 mt	32,079 mt	28,402 mt
Overfished?	$B < B_{THRESHOLD}$		No	No	No
Overfishing?	$F < F_{THRESHOLD} = F_{MSY}$		No	No	No



NGOM IN-SHELL POSSESSION LIMIT

	Survey Meat Count			Estimated Weight (lbs) of Whole Scallops for Limit		
	< 25th Perc.	Average	> 75th Perc.	< 25th Perc.	Average	> 75th Perc.
Northern Stellwagen	30.0	16.8	8.9	4,626	2,600	1,373
NGOM Other	36.7	22.3	13.8	6,262	3,824	2,399

ME DMR Dredge Survey data 2024-2026, $\geq 75\text{mm}$.

Current regulations:

- Inside demarcation line: 200 lb shucked meat limit or 1,666 lb in-shell limit
 - *PDT input: clarify regs wrt transiting, not allowed to have a scallop pile on deck*
 - Outside demarcation line seaward: 3,332 lb limit = 200 lb shucked meats plus > 3,000 lb in-shell limit (loading up deck, process of shucking scallops)
 - *PDT input: modify regs – only 200 lb shucked scallops (or in-shell equivalent) are allowed when leaving NGOM area;*
- *Want AP input 1st before suggesting specific regulatory changes*



SCALLOP STRATEGIC PLAN

Reactive → Resilient → Proactive

How do we get there?

Proposal – Develop 3-Year Work Plan

1. Identify highest-priority items from the Scallop Strategic Plan. Sequence work items alongside required annual work priorities for 2027 – 2029
2. Kick it back to the Scallop PDT for additional analysis, develop draft work plan
3. AP & Committee review and finalize work plan in September.
4. Scallop Work Plan for 2027-2029 would be presented to the Council to inform work priority decisions.
5. Summer 2027, AP & Committee reviews planned work for 2028 and discusses new work for 2030.



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How does the Work Plan interact with priority-setting process?

- The Strategic Plan identified the ***what & why***. This work plan identifies the ***when & how***.
- AP & Committee retain the ability to make changes or new recommendations for work priorities not on the work plan – ***this is a tool for the AP/CTE to use***.
- New recommendations that aren't on the work plan should identify a relevant link to the Strategic Plan and how it weighs against items already included in the work plan
- Aims to ensure work priorities recommendations are aligned with the Strategic Plan



OBJECTIVE 1: IMPROVE MANAGEMENT CAPACITY, FLEXIBILITY, AND RESPONSIVENESS IN A CHANGING ENVIRONMENT

	Strategy	Activity	Timeline
2027	1.1, 2.4	Coordinate review of Automated Detection technology for use in scallop surveys with a sub-group of the SSC and NOAA Science Center representatives	2027
	1.3, 3.2	Complete and submit Framework Adjustment 42 (FW42)	Spring 2027
	1.4	Complete and submit 2027 Specifications Package	Winter 2027
2028	1.4	Set ABC/ACL for scallop stock and establish specifications for FY 2028 (with FY 2029 default measures)	2027
	1.4	Complete and submit 2028 Specifications Package	Winter 2028
	1.4	Set ABC/ACL for scallop stock and establish specifications for FY 2029 (with FY 2030 default measures)	2028
	1.5	Develop Framework Action to establish management measures for FY 2029, including in-season responsive management tools and triggers	2028
2029	1.4	Complete and submit 2029 Specifications Package	Winter 2029
	1.4	Set ABC/ACL for scallop stock and establish specifications for FY 2030 (with FY 2031 default measures)	2029
	1.5	Complete and submit In-Season Adjustment Framework Action	Early 2029
	1.7, 4.1	Evaluate the scallop specifications-setting process and management outcomes for high-density areas	2029



OBJECTIVE 2: IMPROVE THE RELIABILITY OF ANNUAL PROJECTIONS OF SCALLOP BIOMASS AND ABUNDANCE

	Strategy	Activity	Timeline
2027	2.1, 2.2	Continue development and evaluation of scallop stock projection methods	Summer 2027
	1.1, 2.4	Coordinate review of Automated Detection technology for scallop survey applications	2027
2028	2.1, 2.2	Implement updated scallop stock projection methods	Ongoing
		Conduct Scallop Stock Assessment or Data Update	TBD
2029		No specific activities currently scheduled	



OBJECTIVE 3: EXPAND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE NORTHERN GULF OF MAINE FISHERY WHILE MAINTAINING CONSERVATIVE MANAGEMENT APPROACHES

	Strategy	Activity	Timeline
2027	1.3, 3.2	Complete and submit Framework Adjustment 42, including Northern Gulf of Maine management measures	Spring 2027
2028		No specific activities currently scheduled	
2029		No specific activities currently scheduled	



OBJECTIVE 4: IMPROVE ROTATIONAL MANAGEMENT PERFORMANCE AND ACCESS AREA FISHING OPPORTUNITIES

2027

Strategy	Activity	Timeline
4.2	Develop Framework Action to establish FY 2028 management measures, including consideration of Northern Edge access opportunities	Timing dependent on Habitat action

2028

Strategy	Activity	Timeline
4.2	Complete and submit Northern Edge Framework Action (TBD)	Early 2028, though timing dependent on Habitat action

2029

Strategy	Activity	Timeline
1.7, 4.1	Evaluate rotational management outcomes and approaches for managing high-density scallop areas	2029



OBJECTIVE 5: IMPROVE FISHING PRACTICES TO MINIMIZE INCIDENTAL SCALLOP MORTALITY, BYCATCH, AND IMPACTS ON HABITAT AND PROTECTED RESOURCES

2027

Strategy	Activity	Timeline
5.1	Establish a PDT/AP Working Group to develop a white paper on improving scallop fishing practices, including a working definition of “high-grading”	2027
5.1, 8.1	Continue implementation of Strategic Plan initiatives and supporting activities	Ongoing

2028

Strategy	Activity	Timeline
5.1, 9.1	Conduct Council-led outreach on improving scallop fishing practices informed by the 2027 white paper	2028
5.1	Continue implementation of Strategic Plan initiatives and supporting activities	Ongoing

2029

Strategy	Activity	Timeline
5.1	Continue implementation of Strategic Plan initiatives and supporting activities	Ongoing



OBJECTIVE 6: MAINTAIN THE ECONOMIC VIABILITY OF THE SCALLOP FLEET

2027

Strategy	Activity	Timeline
	No specific activities are currently included in the three-year work plan.	

2028

Strategy	Activity	Timeline
	No specific activities are currently included in the three-year work plan.	

2029

Strategy	Activity	Timeline
	No specific activities are currently included in the three-year work plan.	

Potential future work may include activities related to electronic monitoring, fleet efficiency, and permit stacking or buybacks as identified within Strategic Plan Strategies 6.1 and 6.2.



OBJECTIVE 7: MAINTAIN A DYNAMIC SCALLOP RESEARCH SET-ASIDE PROGRAM TO FUND SCALLOP RESEARCH AND RESOURCE SURVEYS

2027

Strategy	Activity	Timeline
7.2	Manage Scallop RSA Program, including Share-Day administration and development of 2028 research priorities, if necessary	Ongoing

2028

Strategy	Activity	Timeline
7.2	Manage Scallop RSA Program, including establishment of two-year priorities, Share-Day administration, and program support	Ongoing

2029

Strategy	Activity	Timeline
7.2	Manage Scallop RSA Program, including Share-Day administration and program support	Ongoing



OBJECTIVE 8: DEVELOP THE REGULATORY, MANAGEMENT, AND FUNDING INFRASTRUCTURE TO SUPPORT A SCALLOP ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

2027

Strategy	Activity	Timeline
5.1, 8.1	Continue Strategic Plan work related to scallop enhancement planning and development	2027

2028

Strategy	Activity	Timeline
	No specific activities currently scheduled.	

2029

Strategy	Activity	Timeline
8.2	Develop Framework Action establishing management measures for FY 2030, including consideration of a Scallop Enhancement Set-Aside informed by VIMS enhancement project findings	2029



OBJECTIVE 9: IMPROVE SCALLOP INDUSTRY ENGAGEMENT AT MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL'S SCALLOP PLAN DEVELOPMENT TEAM, ADVISORY PANEL, AND COMMITTEE

2027

Strategy	Activity	Timeline
	No specific activities currently scheduled.	

2028

Strategy	Activity	Timeline
5.1, 9.1	Conduct Council-led outreach and engagement activities informed by the scallop fishing practices white paper	2028

2029

Strategy	Activity	Timeline
5.1, 9.1	Continue RSA program support and stakeholder engagement activities	Ongoing

