

New England Fishery Management Council

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Scallop Plan Development Team Conference Call

Date: Wednesday, September 10, 2014

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Agenda

The PDT will review estimates of OFL and ABC for Framework 26, specifications for FY2015 and FY2016 (default), which will be presented to the SSC on September 15. Related to potential specifications the PDT will review updated analyses from 2014 scallop survey results including but not limited to: scallop distribution maps by size, projected shell height: length frequencies; strawman boundaries for potential modifications to scallop access areas on Georges Bank (GB) and the Mid-Atlantic (MA) to protect recruitment; and estimates of both small and large scallop biomass within potential access areas. The PDT will review these analyses and continue discussions related to fishery specifications and potential modifications to scallop access areas on GB and MA.

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