



New England Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 7, 2015
TO: Scallop PDT and Advisory Panel Members
FROM: Scallop Committee
SUBJECT: **Meeting purpose and materials for joint PDT and AP meeting on May 13, 2015 and AP meeting on May 14, 2015**

There is a joint Scallop PDT and Advisory Panel meeting at the Radisson in Warwick, RI on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at 9:00 AM and a Scallop AP meeting only the next day in the same location at 9:00 AM on Thursday, May 14, 2015.

The main goals the joint PDT and AP meeting (Day 1) are to:

- 1) Review preliminary results from recently funded Scallop RSA projects as well as general findings from the Sea Scallop Survey Methodology Peer Review hosted by the NEFSC in March 2015.
- 2) These presentations are intended to inform discussions later in the afternoon about future research priority recommendations
- 3) There will be a brief presentation on administrative improvements under consideration for the Scallop RSA program

Staff has provided several meeting materials for these discussions. Document #1 is a summary of Scallop RSA awards including the primary research topic, principle investigators, research amount awarded, as well as a summary of whether the results have been used in management yet. Document #2 is a summary of the recent 2015 RSA awards, Document #3 is the federal funding announcement from last year, and Document #4 is the list of research priorities from the last scallop assessment (SARC59). The PDT and AP should review previous priorities and be prepared to make recommendations about potential modifications for the 2016 RSA announcement.

The main goals of the AP meeting on Day 2 are to:

- 1) Review and provide input on alternatives developed for Amendment 19
- 2) Develop final recommendations for research priorities for 2016 RSA program
- 3) Review and provide input on draft action plan for Framework 27
- 4) Discuss and provide input for future workshop on inshore scallop fishing issue

Staff has provided several meeting materials for this meeting as well. Document #5 is Draft Amendment 19, Document #6 is the draft white paper on the inshore scallop issue, and Documents #7 and #8 are meeting summaries from the last Scallop AP and Committee meeting.

The Scallop Committee will consider your input at the next Scallop Committee meeting on **Thursday, May 28 in New Bedford, MA and the June Council meeting in Newport, RI on June 16-18, 2015**. Please review all documents before the meeting; staff will provide paper copies of materials at the meeting. If you have any questions please contact Deirdre Boelke (978-465-0492 ext. 105).