



New England Fishery Management Council

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Scallop Plan Development Team Meeting

Date: Wednesday, July 15, 2015

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: John W. McCormack Post Office and Courthouse (EPA New England Headquarters), 5 Post Office Square, Boston, MA 02109,
Phone: (888) 372-3912
Meeting Room: Court of Appeals (15th Floor); public entrance on Congress Street.
Visitors must pass through security.

Agenda:

The Scallop PDT will continue discussions on several actions under consideration by the Council. First, the PDT will discuss preliminary analyses of Amendment 15, an action to address late implementation of scallop fishery specifications. Second, the PDT will discuss updated analyses for inclusion in the Final Environmental Impact Statement for Habitat Omnibus Amendment 2. Third, the PDT will have an initial discussion of possible modifications to scallop access areas on Georges Bank. Forth, the PDT will discuss a motion from the Council regarding scallop discard mortality and the observer program. If time permits, the PDT will review the status of a program to make the Scallop Area Management Simulator (SAMS model) accessible online. Other business may be discussed that is not listed on the agenda.

Directions:

From the South: Take I-93 North to Exit 20 toward South Station/Worcester. Keep left and take ramp toward South Station/Chinatown. Take the Albany Street ramp toward South Station/Chinatown. Turn right onto Kneeland Street and then left onto Atlantic Street. Turn left onto Pearl Street, which becomes Post Office Square. Number 5 is on the left. There is a parking lot beneath Post Office Square park as well as a garage at 33 Arch Street.

From the North: Take I-93 South to Purchase Street (Exit 23). Keep right at fork in ramp and turn right on Oliver Street. Take the first left onto Purchase Street then first right onto Pearl Street. Pearl Street becomes Post Office Square and number 5 is on the left. There is a parking lot beneath Post Office Square park as well as a garage at 33 Arch Street.

Public transportation: The closest MBTA station is State Street, which services the Orange and Blue lines. Follow Congress Street south (away from City Hall & Faneuil Hall/Quincy Market) approximately 2 blocks. EPA's building at 5 Post Office Square will be on your right.

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Members of the public may attend PDT meetings, or listen in if the meetings are broadcast but should not expect to participate unless the PDT chair invites input. Public comments and question will not be taken during PDT conference calls

PDTs are responsible to the Council and work on technical analyses as directed by their oversight committees. Once complete, PDT work products are reviewed at oversight committee meetings to which the public is invited. It is at this point that comments are encouraged on a range of issues, including PDT reports and recommendations, proposed management options or other information that is relevant to the committee's business at that time. The committee, in turn, makes management recommendations to the full Council based on the full suite of information it has available to it.