

New England Fishery Management Council
Scallop PDT Meeting
Tuesday, August 27 and Wednesday, August 28, 2019
[Clark Carriage House at the J. Erik Jonsson Center](#), Woods Hole, MA

NEW VENUE: The meeting will be held at the Jonsson Center off Quissett Ave. PDT members will be staying at the Holiday Inn Falmouth.

Scallop Plan Development Team	
Sam Asci, NEFMC	Chad Keith, NEFSC, Observer Program
Michael Kersula, ME DMR	Dr. Rachel Feeney, NEFMC
Dr. William DuPaul, College William & Mary	Dr. Cate O'Keefe, MA DMF
Travis Ford, GARFO, SFD	Danielle Palmer, GARFO, PRD
Benjamin Galuardi, GARFO APS	Jonathon Peros, PDT Chair, NEFMC
Dr. Naresh Pradhan, NEFMC	Dr. David Rudders, VIMS
Dr. Dvora Hart, NEFSC, Population Dynamics	Tim Cardiasmenos, GARFO, NEPA
Dr. Dave Bethoney, SMAST	

Day 1 Agenda – Subject to change as needed. Focus on survey results and fishery performance.

- 10:00 Introductions and summary of agenda
- 10:15 Review 2019 scallop survey results (VIMS, SMAST, CFF, and NEFSC)
- 12:30 *Lunch available on site - \$14 dollars per person (cash). Tell Council staff if interested by 9am.*
- 1:30 Discuss survey results and data treatment
 - Slow growth of scallops in high density areas (VIMS data, group discussion)
 - Dredge efficiency in high density areas
 - Data agreement, combining survey estimates, modifications to SAMS areas needed?
- 3:30 Review relevant data for developing 2020/2021 specifications
 - Update on nematode prevalence in Mid-Atlantic (Dr. Dave Rudders)
 - Kept/discard data from observer program (Tyler Staples & Lacey Bluemel, NEFSC)
 - Update on scallop meat quality in Closed Area II and surrounds (CFF)
- 4:30 Discuss next steps for FW32 specifications and Timing
 - DAS: Range of F rates to consider; Access Area outlook, changes to spatial management
 - Focused discussion on recruitment for 2020/21 RSA, and outlook for short/medium term
- 5:15 Recap: Modeling decisions and outlook for 2020/2021

Day 2 Agenda – May run ahead of schedule if there are no follow-up analyses from Day 1

- 9:00 Review any follow-up analyses/homework/continue with Day 1 agenda (if needed)
 - Additional PDT input on 2019 surveys or 2020 specs.
 - Discuss agenda for September 4, 2019 (focus on NLS-S-deep)
- 10:00 Update on GeoSAMs and LPUE modeling (Dr. Dvora Hart)
- 10:45 Review 2019 GOM Survey Results (ME DMR/UMaine)
 - Based on survey results – any additional management measures to consider?
- 11:45 Update on Electronic Monitoring pilot project in NGOM (GMRI/MCFA)
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- 1:30 Amendment 21: Review options for Committee to consider
- 2:30 Discuss recommendations for 2020 Council priorities for Scallop FMP
- 3:00 Other Business

Meeting Materials (subject to change/updates)

1. Meeting Agenda
2. Scallop survey results: Short reports (VIMS, SMAST, CFF, NEFSC, ME DMR)
3. Draft preliminary combined biomass estimates for 2019 (to be provided – will change)
4. Information on survey data treatment
 - a. VIMS SH/MW Analysis for NLS survey areas
 - b. Recap of survey group call, August 20, 2019
5. Amendment 21 - Discussion Document (if available)
6. Potential 2020 Scallop Work Priorities

Presentations (DRAFT - will be updated as talks become available)

- P1. Scallop survey presentations – (VIMS, SMAST, CFF, NEFSC, UMaine/ME DMR)
- P2. GeoSAMs/LPUE
- P3. VIMS Nematode Presentation
- P4. GMRI/MCFA NGOM EM presentation
- P5. NEFSC observer data presentation – Mr. Tyler Staples
- P6. CFF update on meat quality in CAII

Background and Supporting Information (Available Online)

- B1. Scallop VMS data by SAMS area
- B2. LPUE and landings/price data by market grade
- B3. PDT memo to SSC re: FW30 OFL and ABC, October 4, 2018
- B4. Projected Exploitable Biomass for FY 2019 and 2020 from FW30
- B5. SARC 65 – Appendix 2: Shell Height/Meat Weight Equations
- B6. SARC 65 Assessment Summary Report
- B7. Final PDT Meeting Summary, July 24, 2019
- B8. Draft meeting agenda for Sept. 4, 2019 PDT meeting

List of Survey Groups and Presenters:

Survey Group	Presenter
Coonamessett Farm Foundation (CFF)	Mr. Jason Clermont
Northeast Fishery Science Center (NEFSC)	Dr. Dvora Hart
School for Marine Science and Technology (SMAST)	Dr. Dave Bethoney
Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS)	Ms. Sally Roman
UMaine/Maine DMR	Mr. Cameron Hodgdon