

New England Fishery Management Council
Scallop Plan Development Team & Advisory Panel Joint Meeting
Webinar
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September 12, 2025

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AGENDA

9:00 AM	Welcome, Introductions, & Updates
9:15	Framework 40: Review 2025 scallop survey results, preliminary biomass estimates and 2026 projections, and other fishery data
10:45	<i>Break</i>
11:00	Framework 40: Review SSC input on implementation of reference points; develop input on spatial management and DAS for the 2026 fishing year
12:00 PM	<i>Lunch</i>
1:00	Framework 40: Continue developing input for 2026 fishing year
2:00	Social and Wellbeing Outcomes in Catch Share Programs: A Case Study of the LAGC IFQ Scallop Program: Presentation by Dr. Kanae Tokunaga, Gulf of Maine Research Institute

2:30	<i>Break, PDT adjourn</i>
2:45	Scallop Work Priorities: Review Long-Term Strategic Plan Roadmap and discuss prioritization, LAGC IFQ Review, initial discussion of Council priorities for scallop-related work in 2026.
3:45	Alternative Gear Marking Framework: Presentation by Caroline Potter, GARFO
4:30	Other Business
4:45	Adjourn

MEETING MATERIALS

1. Meeting Information
 - a. Meeting Agenda
 - b. Meeting Memo from Committee Chair, Ms. Melanie Griffin
2. Presentations
 - a. Staff Presentation
 - b. Social and Wellbeing Outcomes in Catch Share Programs: A Case Study of the LAGC IFQ Scallop Program (Dr. Kanae Tokunaga, GMRI)
 - c. Alternative Gear Marking Framework (Caroline Potter, GARFO)
3. Framework 40
 - a. 2025 Scallop Survey biomass estimates (preliminary – circulated when available)
 - b. Projections of 2026 scallop exploitable biomass (preliminary – circulated when available)
4. Scallop Research Track Assessment
 - a. Assessment Summary Report
 - b. Peer Review Summary Report
5. Strategic Plan
 - a. Strategic Plan Roadmap – Draft
 - b. Scallop FMP & Subsequent Actions – Goals & Objectives
6. Recent Meeting Summaries
7. Correspondence
8. Background Materials
 - a. [Link to materials from August 27-28, 2025 Scallop PDT meeting, including survey group short reports and presentations](#)
 - b. [Fishery Performance Report - Scallop landings, grades, and LPUE](#)
 - c. SSC Recommendation
 - i. Scallop PDT memo to SSC re Reference Points, August 8, 2025
 - ii. SSC Report (*if available*)
 - d. Scallop Research Set-Aside
 - i. 2026 Notice of Funding Opportunity (*if available*)
 - ii. Link to program page on Grants.gov (*if available*)
 - iii. [NEFMC press release re: 2025/2026 RSA Priorities and regional surveys](#)
 - e. Northern Gulf of Maine
 - i. NEFMC letter to NOAA OLE NED re NGOM, August 1, 2025
 - ii. NOAA OLE NED letter to NEFMC re NGOM, August 18, 2025

- f. [NOAA Fisheries Gear Conflict Notice for Lobster Area 4](#)
- g. Alternative Gear Marking Framework
 - i. [Link to materials from June 2025 On-Demand Fishing Gear Conflict Working Group Report](#)