

**New England Fishery Management Council**  
**Scallop Advisory Panel Meeting**  
**Merrill's on the Waterfront, New Bedford, MA**  
[Register Here](#)  
**October 21, 2025**

Scallop Advisory Panel Membership	
Cassie Larsen, New Bedford, MA – Vice-Chair	Michael Marchetti, Wakefield, RI
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Brady Lybarger, Cape May, NJ	Paul Vafides, Chatham, MA
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**AGENDA**

9:00 AM	Welcome, Introductions, and Updates
9:15	Framework 40: Review and discuss specification alternatives, including outputs from Committee tasking motions. Make recommendations for alternatives to be included in Framework 40.
10:45	<i>Break</i>
11:00	Framework 40: Continue discussion on specifications alternatives
12:00 PM	<i>Lunch</i>
1:00	Framework 40: Continue discussion on specifications alternatives (if needed)
2:00	2026 Priorities Discussion: Review progress toward 2025 priorities and timelines. Provide input to Committee for potential scallop work priorities for 2026.
3:45	Other Business
4:00	Adjourn

## **MEETING MATERIALS**

1. Meeting Information
  - a. Meeting Agenda
  - b. Meeting Memo from Committee Chair, Ms. Melanie Griffin
2. Presentations
  - a. Staff Presentation
3. Framework 40
  - a. Draft Framework 40 Decision Document
  - b. Projections of 2026 scallop exploitable biomass
4. Priorities
  - a. Possible 2026 Scallop Work priorities, October 2025
  - b. Strategic Plan Roadmap – Draft
5. Meeting Summaries and Memos:
  - a. Recent meeting summaries (September – October)
  - b. Scallop PDT memo to the SSC re: 2026-2027 (default) OFLs and ABCs
6. Correspondence
7. 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](#)