

**New England Fishery Management Council**  
**Scallop Plan Development Team & Advisory Panel Joint Meeting**  
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**September 9, 2026**

| <b>Scallop Plan Development Team</b>       |                               |
|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Sharon Benjamin, GARFO, NEPA               | Dr. Robert Murphy, NEFSC, SSB |
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| <b>Scallop Advisory Panel Membership</b>         |                                                            |
|--------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| James Gutowski, Barnegat Light, NJ, <i>Chair</i> | Cassie Canastra Larsen, New Bedford, MA, <i>Vice-Chair</i> |
| Wes Brighton, Chilmark, MA                       | Brady Lybarger, Cape May, NJ                               |
| Jay Elsner, New Bedford, MA                      | Michael Marchetti, Wakefield, RI                           |
| Brent Fulcher, New Bern, NC                      | Ben Martens, Brunswick, ME                                 |
| Kyle Grant, Gloucester, MA                       | Chris Merl, Wellfleet, MA                                  |
| Peter Hughes, Stone Harbor, NJ                   | Ed Mullis, Newport News, VA                                |
| Bob Keese, Bourne, MA                            | Alex Todd, Chebeague Island, ME                            |
|                                                  | Walter White, Portsmouth, RI                               |

**AGENDA**

- 9:00 AM**      **Introductions, approve agenda, 2026 timeline, and other updates**
- 9:15**          **Fishing Year (FY) 2027 & FY 2028 Specifications:** Review 2026 scallop survey results, preliminary biomass estimates, and other fishery data
- 10:45**        ***Break***
- 11:00**        **FY 2027 & FY 2028 Specifications:** Develop input on spatial management and day-at-sea (DAS) for the 2027 fishing year
- 12:00 PM**    ***Lunch***
- 1:00**          **FY 2027 & 2028 Specifications:** Continue developing input for 2027 fishing year
- 1:45**          **Risk Policy:** Review Scallop PDT scoring results and provide input on the scoring of the Commercial Fishery Characterization factor.

- 2:15**            *Break: PDT adjourn*
- 2:30**            **Framework 42:** Discuss the development of measures to establish regional-DAS management and Northern Gulf of Maine (NGOM) sub-management areas.
- 3:30**            **Scallop Work Priorities:** Review draft Scallop 3-Year Work Plan
- 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. Staff presentation
3. 2026 Scallop Survey estimates
4. Framework 42 Discussion Document (draft)
5. Strategic Plan
  - a. Scallop 3-Year Work Plan (draft)
  - b. [Scallop Long-Term Strategic Plan](#)
6. Meeting summaries:
  - a. Scallop PDT, July 29<sup>th</sup>
  - b. Scallop PDT, August 17<sup>th</sup>
  - c. Scallop PDT, August 26-27<sup>th</sup>
7. Scallop PDT Memo to Scallop AP re: Commercial Fishery Characterization Scoring
8. Correspondence
9. Background Materials
  - a. [Link to materials from August 26-27, 2026 Scallop PDT meeting, including survey group short reports and presentations](#)
  - b. [Fishery Performance Report - Scallop landings, grades, and LPUE](#)
  - c. [Scallop RSA Priorities 2027-2028](#)