New England Fishery Management Council
Scallop Joint Committee and Advisory Panel Meeting
New Bedford, MA & Webinar
Register Here
October 27, 2026

Scallop Committee Membership	
Melanie Griffin, MA, *Chair*	Robert Ruhle, NC
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Peter Hughes, Stone Harbor, NJ	Alex Todd, Chebeague Island, ME
Bob Keese, Bourne, MA	Walter White, Portsmouth, RI
Cassie Canastra Larsen, New Bedford, MA, *Vice Chair*	

AGENDA

9:00 AM **Introductions, approve agenda, 2026 timeline, and other updates**

9:30 **Fishing Year (FY) 2027 & FY 2028 Specifications:** Advisory Panel review and discussion of specification alternatives, including outputs from September Committee tasking motions.

10:45 ***Break***

11:00 **FY 2027 & FY 2028 Specifications:** Committee discussion of specification alternatives, including outputs from September Committee tasking motions.

12:00 PM ***Lunch***

1:15 PM **FY 2027 & FY 2028 Specifications:** Make recommendations for alternatives to be included in specifications action.

2:00 **Scallop Work Priorities:** Discuss the draft 2027 Priorities and provide feedback for Council consideration at the December 2026 Council meeting

3:00 Other Business

3:15 Adjourn

MEETING MATERIALS

1. Meeting Information
    a. Meeting Agenda (this document)
    b. Meeting Memo from Committee Chair, Ms. Melanie Griffin
2. Staff presentation
3. FY 2027 & 2028 (default) Specifications
    a. Discussion Document (draft)
    b. Scallop PDT memo to the SSC re: FY 2027-2028 (default) OFLs, ABCs
    c. Scallop Risk Policy Report
    d. SSC Report re: Scallop OFL & ABC (*if available)*
4. Draft 2027 Priorities
5. Meeting summaries:
    a. Joint Scallop PDT and AP, September 9th
    b. Scallop Committee, September 10th
    c. Scallop PDT, October 16th
6. Correspondence