



## New England Fishery Management Council

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### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** October 21, 2025  
**TO:** Scallop Advisory Panel and Scallop Committee  
**FROM:** Melanie Griffin, Scallop Committee Chair  
**SUBJECT:** Purpose for Scallop AP and Committee meetings on October 21 & 22, 2025

The Council will hold the upcoming Scallop Advisory Panel (AP) on October 21, followed by a meeting of the Scallop Committee on October 22. These meetings will be held in New Bedford, MA with a webinar option. Documents for this meeting will be posted to a Sharefile site and then to the [Council's website](#) as they become available. You will receive a link to access files ahead of the meeting.

**Purpose:** The main objectives of the meetings are to:

- 1) Framework 40 – Review analyses and recommend specification alternatives and management measures to be developed in Framework 40. *Note: The AP and Committee are not selecting preferred alternatives at this meeting* – the discussion is about what alternatives will be included and analyzed in the framework.
- 2) Recommend 2026 scallop work priorities.
- 3) Discuss other business, as necessary.

**Webinar:** In order to participate in the meetings, you will need to register for the webinar. Please register before the meeting begins. You can use the following links to register:

Scallop AP:

<https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/vin1Bha-Q9K2ifpIyVI3hw>

Scallop Committee:

[https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/cuM0\\_wK-RmGgIKowakxOdg](https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/cuM0_wK-RmGgIKowakxOdg)

1. **Participating in the meeting:** To participate, you **MUST** register for the meeting. If you do not register, staff will not be able unmute you.

The public and Committee members will be able to participate in the webinar. Council staff will be working closely with the Chair to accommodate remote participation during the meeting. Staff will review how individuals can participate during the meeting. As with in-person meetings, questions about presentations will be entertained before taking comments. The Committee will have the first opportunity to weigh-in, followed by the public. Individuals interested in speaking should raise their hand on the webinar.

2. **Motions via Webinar:**

- a. **Making Motions:** The preferred approach is for AP and Committee members to e-mail motions to Connor Buckley ([cbuckley@nefmc.org](mailto:cbuckley@nefmc.org)) and Chandler Nelson. ([cnelson@nefmc.org](mailto:cnelson@nefmc.org)) on Council staff, and cc the AP or Committee Chair.
- b. **Seconding Motions:** AP and Committee: You can raise your hand in the webinar to second the motion. Council staff or the Chair will confirm this by voice over the webinar so it is clear who the maker and seconder of each motion are.
- c. **Discussion on each Motion:** The AP and the Committee will have an opportunity to discuss each motion, followed by an opportunity for the public to comment. Please raise your hand on the webinar if you would like to speak to a motion. The Chair will call on individuals who would like to address the motion. After the AP or Committee has a chance to discuss this motion, the Chair will call on members of the public.
- d. **Voting:** When the Chair is ready to call the vote, Council staff will do a roll call vote. Staff will provide the vote count, which will be confirmed by the Chair. At the discretion of the Chair, motions can also be approved by a show of hands or unanimous consent in lieu of a roll call vote.

## **MEETING MATERIALS**

If you have any questions about the documents, please contact Connor Buckley ([cbuckley@nefmc.org](mailto:cbuckley@nefmc.org); 978-465-0492 ext. 115).

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](#)

## Framework 40: Survey Results and Projections

**Recent Activity:** The Scallop PDT has met several times to discuss survey results and develop projections for 2026 and 2027 (default). The SSC met on October 8, 2025 and recommended OFL and ABC values for the next two fishing years. The PDT has been working to complete Committee tasking from the September 15, 2025 meeting. Staff will present the PDT's analyses to support the Committee tasking at your meeting next week.

### **Anticipated Outcomes:**

Motions for alternatives to be included in FW40 that identify:

1. Full-Time Limited Access (LA) days-at-sea (DAS) or an associated target open area fishing mortality (F) rate, including whether to allocate DAS regionally to the Mid-Atlantic and Georges Bank.
2. Access areas, trip limits, and total access area allocations for full-time LA, part-time LA allocations, and the distribution of Limited Access General Category (LAGC) IFQ access area trips for FY 2026.
3. Rotational closures for FY 2026 (e.g. Nantucket Lightship South), including any transit provisions.
4. Default measures for FY 2027, and specifically whether an access area trip should be allocated as part of default measures.
5. Target F rate for the NGOM for FY 2026, and default measures for FY 2027, including whether to create sub-areas and allocations for NGOM-Stellwagen and NGOM-Other.
6. Access areas where Scallop RSA compensation fishing can occur.

## Scallop Work Priorities

**Recent Activity:** Progress has continued toward completing 2025 work priorities.

**Next steps:** Staff will review progress toward 2025 work priorities, and the list of potential 2026 priorities. The Council will set 2026 work priorities at the December meeting.

**Anticipated Outcomes:** The Advisory Panel and Committee will develop recommendations for 2026 work priorities by identifying priorities that they would like to see the Council work on next year. Ranking is not required.

## Other Business

**Anticipated Outcomes:** Additional items and issues may be taken up under other business.

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