



## New England Fishery Management Council

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### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** June 2, 2026  
**TO:** Scallop Advisory Panel and Scallop Committee  
**FROM:** Melanie Griffin, Scallop Committee Chair  
**SUBJECT:** **Purpose for Scallop AP and Committee meetings on June 2 & 3, 2026**

The Council will hold the upcoming Scallop Advisory Panel (AP) on June 2, followed by a meeting of the Scallop Committee on June 3. These meetings will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, Providence, Rhode Island, and by webinar. 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) Review recent scallop fishery performance information.
- 2) Discuss 2026 Work Priorities, including the developing management measures to regionally allocate Limited Access Days-at-Sea (DAS) and create sub-management units within the Northern Gulf of Maine (NGOM) management area.
- 3) Discuss implementation of the Scallop Long-Term Strategic Plan, including development of a 3-year roadmap of work priorities.
- 4) Provide recommendations to the Council on Scallop Research Set-Aside (RSA) priorities for 2027-2028.
- 5) 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/Td6KfkPiTzmQI0Sts3nyOg>

Scallop Committee:

<https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/DcI5OhNvRIWi62HpbhUWUQ>

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). **Please focus meeting preparation on the bolded meeting materials.**

1. Meeting Information
  - a. Meeting Agenda
  - b. Meeting Memo from Committee Chair, Ms. Melanie Griffin**
2. Presentations
  - a. Staff Presentation
  - b. *Scallop AP only* - Electronic Monitoring in the Scallop Fishery (*Dr. Andrew Corso, CFF*)
3. Framework 42 Management Measures
  - a. Discussion Document**
4. Long-Term Scallop Strategic Plan
  - a. Long-Term Strategic Plan**
  - b. Appendix I - Goals & Objectives of the Scallop FMP and Subsequent Actions
  - c. Appendix II - Evaluation Criteria
5. Scallop Research Set-Aside
  - a. [Current Scallop RSA Priorities \(2025-2026\)](#)
  - b. Scallop PDT Recommendations on Scallop RSA Priorities (2027-2028)**
6. Meeting Summaries and Memos:
  - a. Recent meeting summaries (February - May)
7. Correspondence
8. Background Materials
  - a. [SSC Report to NEFMC re: Scallop OFLs & ABCs for FY2026/2027](#)
  - b. [Fishery Performance Report - Scallop landings, grades, and LPUE](#)
  - c. [Scallop Quota Monitoring Report](#)

## 2026 Work Priorities

**Recent Activity:** The Scallop PDT have met twice (February 7 and April 7) to develop management measures for sub-management areas in the Northern Gulf of Maine, and regional allocations of Limited Access Days-at-Sea. On the development of new stock projection methods to inform scallop catch specifications, the Council has issued a contract to several researchers at SMAST, University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, with expected completion of the project by July 2027.

**Anticipated Outcomes:** The Scallop AP and Committee will receive a presentation on work to date on Scallop work priorities for 2026. The Committee may wish to task the Scallop PDT with additional analysis to inform the development of management measures that will be included in Scallop Framework 42.

## Scallop Strategic Plan

**Recent Activity:** In December 2025, the Council prioritized continued work on the Scallop Strategic Plan. With the implementation of the Council's Holistic Strategic Plan anticipated in Summer 2026, Staff have discussed the explicit alignment of these two documents, with the Scallop Strategic Plan acting as an FMP-specific operationalization of the Holistic Strategic Plan. To that end, Staff will propose the development of a 3-Year Work Plan of Scallop Priorities (2027-2029), and will be looking for input and recommendations from the Scallop AP and Committee. Staff anticipate that the development of this 3-year roadmap will occur over two rounds of meetings.

**Anticipated Outcomes:** The AP and Committee will receive a presentation from Council staff on the Long-Term Scallop Strategic Plan, and discuss sequencing of Scallop Work Priorities from the Scallop Strategic Plan alongside required work items. The AP and Committee may provide input and recommendations in the form of a Consensus Statement or Motion. The Committee may also wish to task the Scallop PDT with providing additional information or analysis to inform the development of a 3-Year work plan.

## Scallop Research Set-Aside

**Recent Activity:** The Scallop PDT have reviewed the Scallop RSA priorities for 2025-2026 and have provided input and recommended changes to the priorities to reflect changing research and management needs for the scallop fishery.

**Anticipated Outcomes:** The AP and Committee may provide input and recommendations for changes to the Scallop RSA priorities for 2027 and 2028. Recommendations may be made in the form of a Consensus Statement or Motion. Staff recommend considering what research is of highest priority to the scallop fishery over the next two years, including topics identified in the Scallop Strategic Plan. Changes should either 1) expand or refine the language describing each priority, 2) remove a priority or add a new priority, or 3) reorder a priority from High > Medium > General.

## Other Business

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

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