

**New England Fishery Management Council**

**Scallop PDT Meeting**

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**Thursday, October 15, 2020**

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**Agenda – Subject to change as needed. Focus on survey results and fishery performance.**

- 9:30 Introductions and summary of agenda
- 10:00 Review results of 2020 Scallop Management Track Assessment (Dr. Dvora Hart)
- 10:45 Review 2020 scallop survey results (VIMS, SMAST, CFF, and NEFSC)
- 12:30 *Lunch*
- 1:00 Discuss survey results and data treatment
- Slow growth of scallops in high density areas, sensitivity analyses completed in the short reports (group discussion)
  - Dredge efficiency in high density areas
  - Data agreement, combining survey estimates, modifications to SAMS areas needed?
- 3:00 Review relevant data for developing 2020/2021 specifications
- Update on nematode prevalence in Mid-Atlantic
  - 2019 & 2020 VMS Data
  - Discuss recruitment observed in the 2020 surveys
  - Early outlook for 2020/2021
- 4:00 Recap: Additional analyses & modeling decisions; plan for next PDT meeting

**Meeting Materials (subject to change/updates)**

1. Meeting Agenda
2. Scallop survey results: Short reports (2a. VIMS, 2b. SMAST, 2c. CFF, 2d. NEFSC)
3. Draft preliminary combined biomass estimates for 2020 (to be provided – will change)
4. Information on survey data treatment
  - a. VIMS SH/MW Analysis for NLS survey areas
  - b. Recap of survey group call, September 2, 2020
5. 2020 Scallop Management Track Assessment Final Peer Review Report

**Presentations (DRAFT - will be updated as talks become available)**

- P1. 2020 Scallop Management Track Assessment
- P2. Scallop survey presentations – (VIMS, SMAST, CFF, NEFSC)

**Background and Supporting Information (Available Online)**

- B1. Scallop VMS data by SAMS area
- B2. LPUE and landings/price data by market grade
- B3. PDT memo to SSC re: FW32 OFL and ABC
- B4. Projected Exploitable Biomass for FY 2020 from FW32
- B5. SARC 65 – Appendix 2: Shell Height/Meat Weight Equations
- B6. SARC 65 Assessment Summary Report
- B7. 2020 Management Track Assessment Documents
  - 1. Assessment Update
  - 2. Appendix I: CASA Updates
  - 3. Appendix II: SYM Updates
  - 4. Appendix III: Variable Selectivity SYM reference point model

List of Survey Groups and Presenters:

<b>Survey Groups</b>	<b>Presenter</b>
Coonamessett Farm Foundation (CFF)	Ms. Tasha O’Hara
Northeast Fishery Science Center (NEFSC)	Dr. Dvora Hart
School for Marine Science and Technology (SMAST)	Dr. Kevin Stokesbury
Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS)	Ms. Sally Roman