

# New England Fishery Management Council

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# MEETING NOTICE SCALLOP COMMITTEE WEBINAR

Date: Friday, January 22, 2021

Time:

9:00 a.m.

# Agenda:

The Scallop Committee will meet to discuss:

- Framework 33 (FW 33): Review specifications alternatives in FW 33 and make final recommendations. FW 33 will set specifications including acceptable biological catch/annual catch limit (ABC/ACLs), days-at-sea (DAS), access area allocations for Limited Access (LA) and Limited Access General Category (LAGC), Total Allowable Catch (TAC) for Northern Gulf of Maine (NGOM) management area, target-TAC for LAGC incidental catch and set-asides for the observer and research programs for fishing year 2021 and default specifications for fishing year 2022. Review options for mitigating impacts on Georges Bank yellowtail flounder and northern windowpane flounder and make final recommendations.
- Scallop Priorities: Review the existing 2021 scallop work priorities and correspondence from the Scallopers Campaign requesting the Council consider changing the scallop priorities by adding LA scallop leasing listening sessions to the priority list and develop a recommendation for the Council to consider. The Committee may recommend deleting a priority if a new priority is added.
- Other business may be discussed, as necessary.

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