

New England Fishery Management Council
Scallop PDT Meeting
Coonamessett Inn, Falmouth, MA
Wednesday, August 31, 2022 & Thursday, September 1, 2022

Scallop Plan Development Team	
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- 10:30 Introductions, summary of agenda, housekeeping
10:50 Review 2022 scallop survey results (VIMS, SMAST, CFF, and NEFSC)
12:30 *Lunch*
1:45 Discuss survey results and data treatment (we will follow the staff ppt – these are examples of some of the discussion topics)
- Slow growth (SH/MW) and dredge efficiency in high density areas, sensitivity analyses completed in the short reports (group discussion)
 - Data agreement, combining survey estimates, modifications to SAMS areas needed?
 - Review of fishery VMS data
- 3:45pm Identify next steps for September 1, 2022 meeting, including any homework assignments.
4:30pm Other business
4:45pm Adjourn

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- 9:00am Review any follow-up analyses/homework/continue with Aug. 31 agenda (if needed)
10:00 Continue reviewing 2022 data and outlook for 2023
- Update on nematode and shell disease prevalence in Mid-Atlantic
 - Develop PDT input for 2022/2023 specifications (BASE run)
- 12:00 Lunch
1:15 Discuss committee tasking related to possible management objectives for a Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) & discuss potential scallop work priorities for 2023 (initial list)
3:00 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, 2bi & 2bii. SMAST, 2c. CFF, 2di & 2dii. NEFSC)
3. Draft preliminary combined biomass estimates from 2022 surveys (to be provided – will change)
4. Information on survey data treatment (also see short reports)
 - a. VIMS SH/MW Analysis for NLS survey areas
 - b. VIMS SH/MW Analysis for Mid-Atlantic survey areas
5. [LPUE and landings/price data by market grade – see website](#)

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

- P0. Council Staff Presentations (survey topics, VMS)
- P1. Scallop survey presentations – (VIMS, SMAST, CFF, ME DMR/UMaine, NEFSC)
- P2. Nematode and Shell Disease in the Mid-Atlantic (VIMS)

Background and Supporting Information (Available Online)

- B1. [2022 Council Priorities](#)
- B2. 2023/2024 Scallop RSA Council Priorities
- B3. PDT memo to SSC re: FW34 OFL and ABC
- B4. Projected Exploitable Biomass for FY 2022 from FW34
- 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:

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