

New England Fishery Management Council

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Scallop Plan Development Team (PDT) Meeting

Date: Wednesday, August 27 and Thursday, August 28, 2025

Time: 10:00 a.m. on August 27, 2025 and 9:00 a.m. on August 28, 2025

Location: Hampton Inn Cape Cod Canal

12 Kendall Rae Place Buzzards Bay, MA 02532 Phone: (508) 444-4508

Agenda:

The Scallop Plan Development Team will meet to:

Day 1 Agenda:

- Review preliminary survey results from 2025 scallop surveys, including: SMAST drop camera surveys, Coonamessett Farm Foundation Habcam surveys, VIMS dredge survey, Maine DMR dredge survey, and NEFSC optical and dredge surveys.
- Discuss data decisions for combining biomass estimates, data on fishery performance, and potential management scenarios for FY2026 / FY2027.
- Other business may be discussed.

Day 2 Agenda:

- Continue work from Day 1 agenda.
- Framework 40: Discuss other measures.
- Other business may be discussed.

Online access: This meeting will be broadcast online via Zoom. Preregistration is required for both meeting days.

Register for August 27th, 2025 here: https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/033zPD_gQwWlw13QSTH4mQ. Register for August 28th, 2025 here: https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/QD4v2T3FSvmkL0TKzxsk1w. Use VoIP with a microphone and speakers for audio. A headset is recommended.

Call in information: After registering you will be e-mailed meeting information, including a call-in number. Please note that this is not a toll-free number.

The New England Fishery Management Council generally posts announcements of Plan Develop Team (PDT) meetings on the Council's website, occasionally with very little notice. An agenda may or may not be included. Team members may discuss topics, if listed, in any order or add other issues not contained in the meeting notice.

Members of the public may attend PDT meetings but should not expect to participate unless the PDT chair invites input. Public comments and questions will only be taken at the discretion of the PDT chair.

PDTs are responsible to the Council and work on technical analyses as directed by their oversight committee. Once complete, PDT work products are reviewed at oversight committee meetings to which the public is invited. It is at this point that comments are encouraged on a range of issues, including PDT reports and recommendations, proposed management options or other information that is relevant to the committee's business at that time. The committee, in turn, makes management recommendations to the full Council based on the full suite of information it has available to it.