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# Biological Opinion Update Scallop FMP

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## Timeline for the new Biological Opinion

- Reinitiated February 14, 2020 (due to the exceedance of the Incidental Take Statement)
- New Opinion due July 1, 2021, by Court order



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## Content updates for the new Opinion

- Incorporation of latest information
  - Updated biology of ESA-listed species and critical habitat
  - Updated information on scallop fishery
  - Revised environmental baseline and climate change
  - Revised effects of past and ongoing actions
- Revised incidental take monitoring plan
  - Relies on Science Center 5-year bycatch estimation model
    - Will no longer use a dredge effort surrogate



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## Content updates for the new Opinion

- Alignment with similar analyses and monitoring with ongoing Batched Fisheries Biological Opinion
- Refinement of the Reasonable and Prudent Measures and Terms and Conditions in the Incidental Take Statement
  - Clarifies roles and responsibilities
  - Focuses on efforts to minimize and monitor take



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Questions?