



New England Fishery Management Council

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS  
DRAFT AMENDMENT 19 TO THE ATLANTIC SEA SCALLOP FMP**

The New England Fishery Management Council is conducting two public hearings to solicit comments regarding the range of alternatives under consideration in the Draft Environmental Assessment for Amendment 19 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The alternatives are designed to improve timing of fishery specifications so they are better aligned with the start of the fishing year. The hearings are being held by the Council in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b>Via Webinar</b> <b>Monday, November 16, 2015</b> <b>10:00 am – 12:00 p.m.</b>	Webinar Hearing Register to participate: <a href="https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/682428445">https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/682428445</a> Call in info: Toll: +1 (872) 240-3412 Access Code: 682-428-445
<b>Warwick, RI</b> <b>Wednesday, November 18, 2015</b> <b>6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.</b>	Radisson Airport Hotel 2081 Post Road Warwick, RI 02886 Telephone: (401) 739-3000

Council staff will brief the public on Draft Amendment 19 before receiving comments on the amendment. Documents are available on the Council’s website (<http://www.nefmc.org/library/amendment-19-1>) or may be obtained by contacting the Council office at (978) 465-0492.

Members of the public may submit oral and/or written comments at any of the public hearings or submit written comments directly to the National Marine Fisheries Service. Written comments must be received on or before 5 p.m. EST, Friday, **November 20, 2015**.

Written comments should be sent to:

John K. Bullard, Regional Administrator, Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office,  
55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298, Fax: 978-281-9135  
Email: [NMFS.GAR.scallopamend19@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.GAR.scallopamend19@noaa.gov)

Please note on your correspondence; “Comments on Scallop Amendment 19.”

**Directions:**

**From points North and South:** Take Exit 13 (airport exit) off Route 95 North/South (Airport Connector Road). Take the 2nd exit off the Connector road onto Post Road. At the bottom of the ramp, take a left at light and the hotel is ¼ mile on your left.

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Cc: Council Members, Scallop Interested Parties, Advisors and PDT members

Notice date: October 28, 2015