

**New England Fishery Management Council  
Scallop Committee Meeting  
Boston Logan Courtyard Marriott, Boston, MA  
September 19, 2019**

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**AGENDA**

- 8:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions**
- 8:10 Update on the Commercial Electronic Vessel Trip Reporting (eVTR) Omnibus Framework (Sam Asci)**
- 8:30 Report from AP Chair, Mr. James Gutowski**
- 8:45 Review 2019 Scallop survey results, preliminary biomass estimates, and other fishery data.**
- 10:00 Break**
- 10:15 Framework 32: Discuss potential fishery specification alternatives to be developed further in Framework 32, including options for the harvest of the slow-growing scallops in the Nantucket Lightship area. Consider options for mitigating impacts on Georges Bank yellowtail flounder.**
- 11:45 Begin discussion on Amendment 21 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop FMP: update on progress, provide input on direction of action.**
- Noon Lunch break*
- 1:00 p.m. Continue discussion on Amendment 21 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop FMP: update on progress, provide input on direction of action.**
- 2:15 Discuss initial 2020 work priorities for Scallop FMP**
- 3:00 Other Business**
- 3:15 Closed Session – Committee Members Only – Review Scallop Advisory Panel applications for 2020-2022 and provide recommendations.**

**MEETING MATERIALS**

1. Meeting Agenda
  - a. Staff presentation (*to be provided*)
  - b. Meeting Memo from Committee Chair, Mr. Vincent Balzano

2. 2020 Scallop Work Priorities
  - a. Initial list for all FMPs (September 5, 2019)
3. Framework 32
  - a. 2019 Scallop Survey Biomass Estimates (Sept. 10, 2019)
  - b. Draft SAMS run of exploitable biomass
  - c. Nantucket Lightship S-deep discussion document
  - d. Options for mitigating impacts on Georges Bank yellowtail flounder
4. Amendment 21
  - a. Amendment 21 – Draft alternatives in development
  - b. Amendment 21 Action Plan
5. PDT Meeting Summaries
  - a. June 27, 2019 Conference Call
  - b. July 24, 2019 Meeting, Boston, MA
  - c. August 27 & 28, 2019 Meeting, Falmouth, MA
6. eVTR Framework
  - a. Discussion Document
  - b. Frequently asked questions related to eVTR
  - c. Staff presentation on eVTR Omnibus Framework
7. Correspondence

**Background Materials:**

8. Survey Short Reports:
  - a. VIMS dredge
  - b. SMAST drop camera
  - c. CFF HabCam
  - d. NEFSC HabCam
  - e. NEFSC dredge
  - f. ME DMR/UMaine dredge