

Scallop Plan Development Team (PDT)

Date: Tuesday, April 8 and Wednesday, April 9, 2014

Time: 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday and 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday

Location: Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott, 185 MacArthur Drive, New Bedford, MA
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Agenda items:

Day 1 (Tuesday, April 8, 2014)

The PDT will continue work on the LAGC IFQ Performance Report. Updated analyses will be reviewed and the PDT may draft “report findings” for the Scallop Committee to consider. The PDT will also review updated analyses related to the EFH Omnibus Amendment, specifically potential impacts on the scallop resource and fishery. The PDT will also provide recommendations for research priorities for the 2014/2015 Scallop Research Set-Aside (RSA) funding announcement.

Day 2 (Wednesday, April 9, 2014)

Recipients of recent Scallop RSA awards will provide a status update and summary of preliminary findings to the Scallop PDT. Presentations will include RSA projects that the Scallop PDT has not yet used directly in the scallop management process. This meeting is *not* a formal review of the methods or results of these projects. Instead this meeting is only an overview and update to help the PDT determine if final results from these projects may be useful to consider in upcoming scallop management actions.

Directions:

From the South – I-95 North to I-95 East. Take Exit 15 to merge onto MA 18 South. Turn left at Union Street. Turn right on MacArthur Drive.

From the North – I-95 South to I-93 South toward Boston. Take Exit 4 onto Route 24 South toward Brockton. Take Exit 12 onto Route 140 South towards New Bedford. Take Exit 2A to I-95 East towards Cape Cod. Take Exit 15 onto Route 18 South. Turn left at Union Street. Turn right onto MacArthur Drive.

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PDTs are responsible to the Council and work on technical analyses as directed by their oversight committees. Once complete, PDT work products are reviewed at oversight committee meetings to which the public is invited. It is at that 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.