

Scallop RSA Priorities

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**Scallop Committee Meeting
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New England
Fishery Management Council

Background

- Scallop RSA program began in 1999
- Evolved over time but overall 1.25 million pounds set-aside each year to fund research projects (over \$10mil)
- About 10-15 projects are funded annually
- At least biennially the Council recommends the research priorities that are used in the funding announcement

- **Goal of Meeting Today**

Review AP input for modifications and forward to Cmte ideas to Council for June meeting



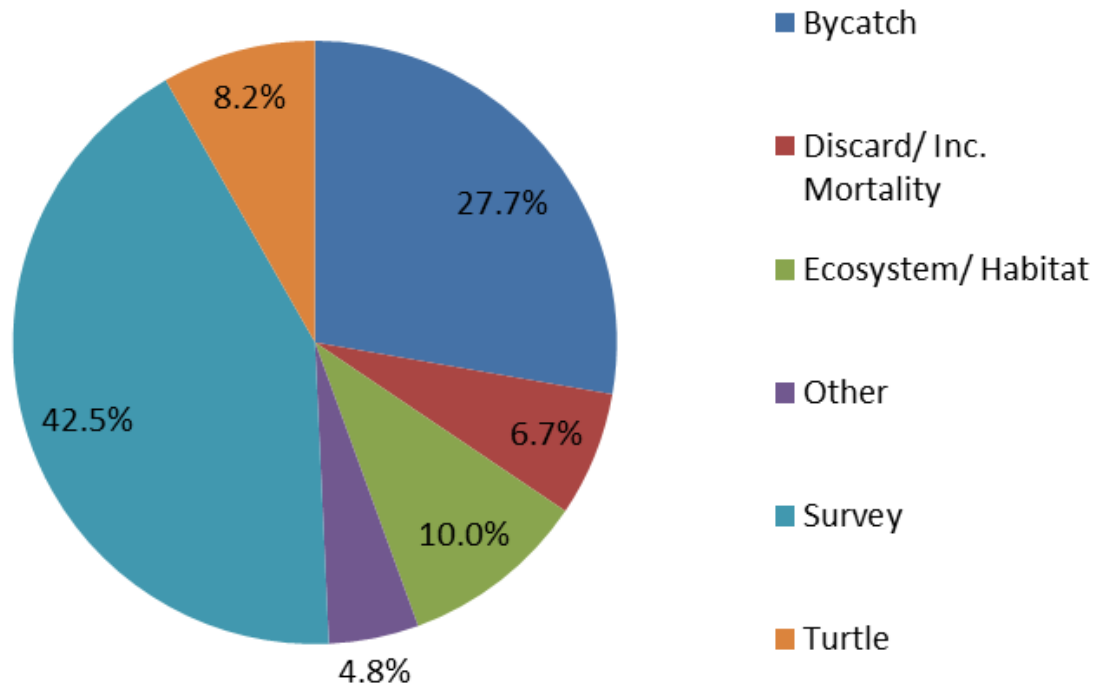
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1. Priorities with AP input in orange
2. RSA projects funded from 2010-2015 with notes on status of research and whether results used by Council
3. Research Recs from SARC50 and SARC59
4. General Findings from Scallop Survey Methods Peer Review



Research Topics by Allocated Dollars (2010-2015)

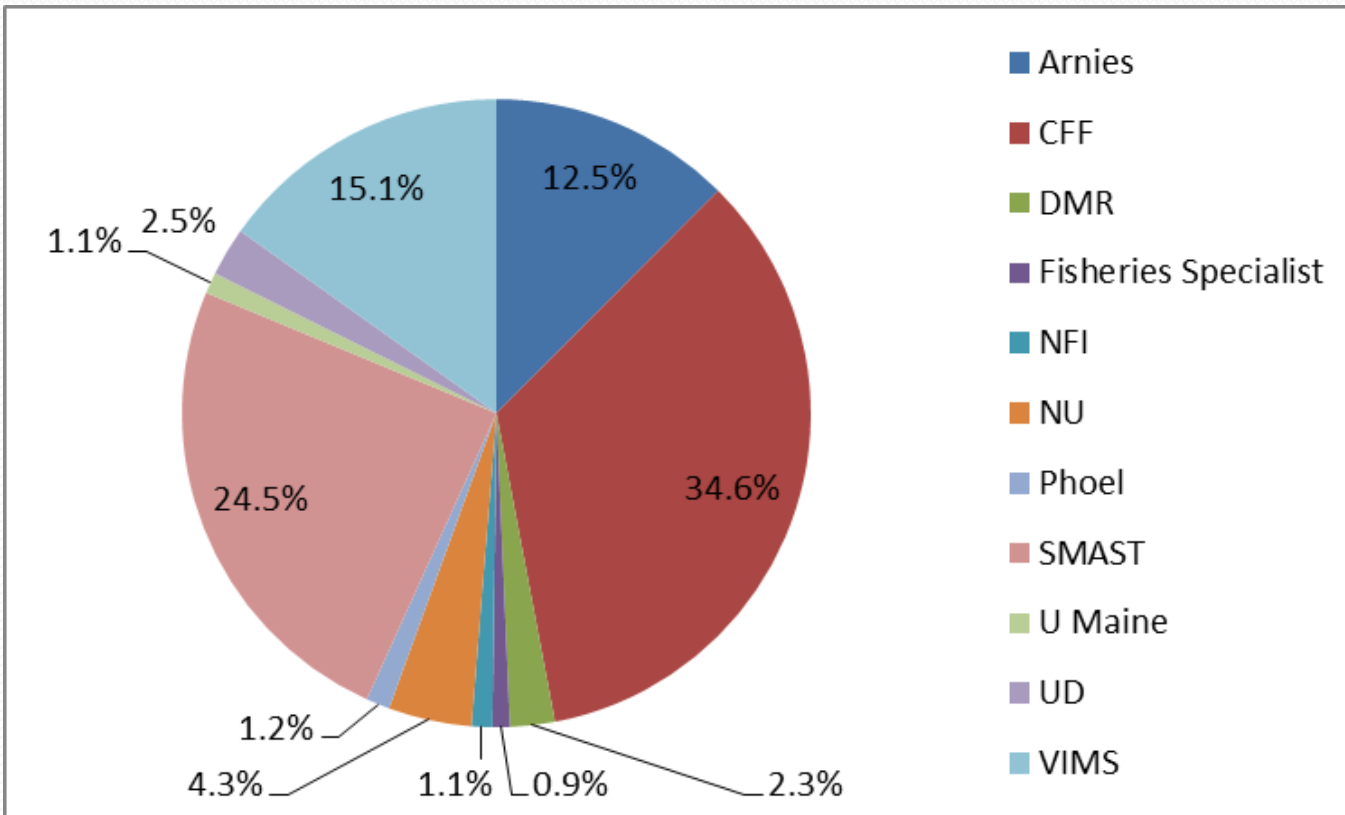
Research Priority	Grand Total
Bycatch	27.7%
Discard/ Inc. Mortality	6.7%
Ecosystem/ Habitat	10.0%
Other	4.8%
Survey	42.5%
Turtle	8.2%
Grand Total	100.0%



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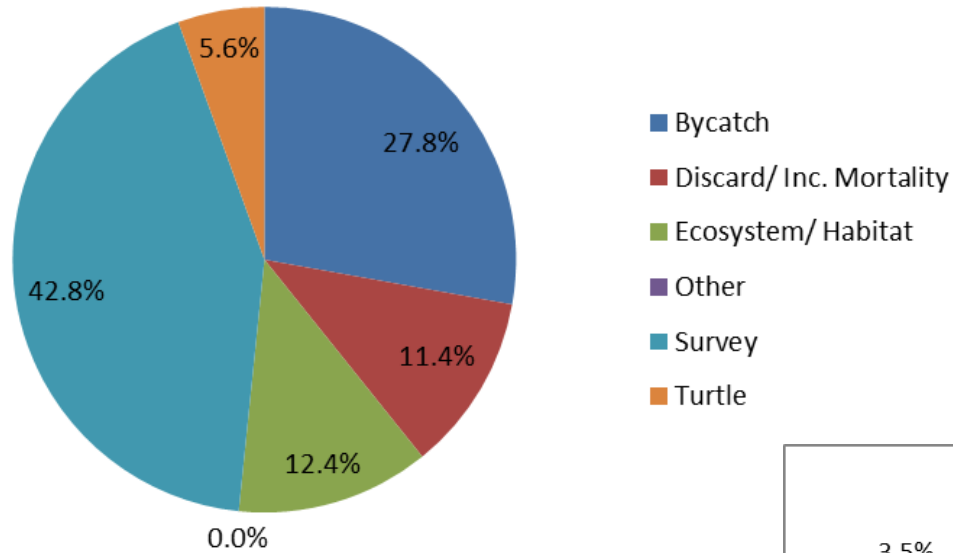
Scallop RSA Recipients by Allocated Dollars (2010-2015)

Primary Organization	2010-2015
Arnies	12.5%
CFF	34.6%
DMR	2.3%
Fisheries Specialist	0.9%
NFI	1.1%
NU	4.3%
Phoel	1.2%
SMAST	24.5%
U Maine	1.1%
UD	2.5%
VIMS	15.1%
Grand Total	100.0%

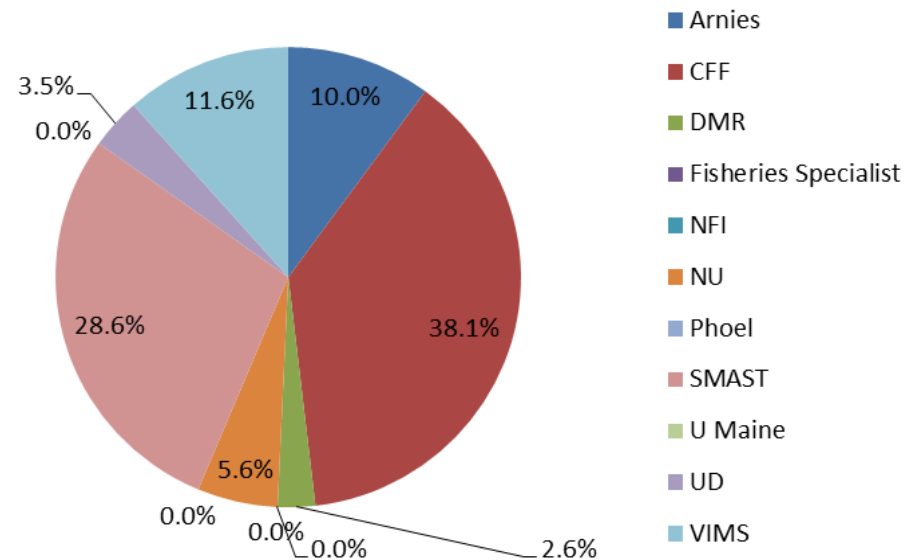


2015 Awards – Announced May 4, 2015

By Research Topic



By Research Organization



Where are we with current research priorities?

- **May 13 – Joint PDT/AP meeting to review results and discuss future priorities**
- **Highest priority**
 - Survey related research - in priority order: intensive for access areas, intensive for candidate access areas, broad resource wide
 - Bycatch
 - Scallop and area management research
- **Medium** – not in priority order (turtle, product quality, habitat, seasonal monitoring of large recruitment events)
- **Other** – not in priority order (environmental stressor affects, SARC priorities, surveys in low sampled areas, real time monitoring)
- One or two year announcement? 1 or 2 years for surveys?

Cmte Agenda Item

- Review RSA Priorities from last year with new AP input **in orange**
- Consider status of current research
- Consider recent SARC priorities – maybe 4 potential ideas to consider
- Consider findings of survey methods review – maybe 4 ideas to consider
- Make recommendations for Council to consider at June meeting
- FFO announcement scheduled for summer

