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Scallop RSA Program: Time to Submit Applications for 2022-2023 Awards Based on Council Research Priorities

NOAA Fisheries has begun soliciting proposals for research projects to be carried out under the 2022-2023 Atlantic Sea Scallop Research Set-Aside (RSA) Program. The submission deadline is [October 22, 2021](#).

Proposals should respond to the research priorities established by the New England Fishery Management Council. During its June 2021 webinar meeting, the Council determined that resource surveys should be the highest priority for the next round of RSA awards. The Council also identified two “high priority” and three “general research” categories, which are summarized in the table below and described in more detail in this [letter to the Northeast Fisheries Science Center](#).

- The process for submitting a project proposal is spelled out in the federal [Notice of Funding Opportunity](#).

The Scallop RSA Program is a joint effort between the Council, which [manages](#) the scallop fishery and sets research priorities, and NOAA Fisheries, which [administers the competition](#), oversees awarded projects, and monitors set-aside harvest activities.

[Research set-aside programs](#) support a wide range of projects that help inform management decisions. Proposals are evaluated for scientific merit and relevance to fishery management.

Here are answers to some [frequently asked questions](#).

Need help? Contact Ryan Silva at ryan.silva@noaa.gov.



Scallop RSA Projects – Work Worth Sharing

Important research is conducted each year through the industry-funded RSA program. No federal funds are used. Here are recent projects presented in May 2021 during [RSA Share Day #1](#) and [RSA Share Day #2](#).

2022-2023 Scallop Research Set-Aside (RSA) Priorities At-A-Glance

#	HIGHEST PRIORITY (1a, 1b, 1c – equal priority)	#	GENERAL RESEARCH (4, 5, & 6 – equal priority)
1a	Intensive surveys of access areas	4	Scallop recruitment supplementation
1b	Intensive surveys of areas of interest and Gulf of Maine	5	Bycatch: small scallops and non-target species
1c	Broadscale surveys of Georges Bank and Mid-Atlantic	6	Gear: commercial dredge research
	HIGH PRIORITY (2 & 3 – equal priority)		
2	Research on scallop biology		
3	Sea turtle research		