

Announcements and Updates

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**Scallop Advisory Panel and
Committee Meeting**
June 7/8, 2016



New England
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1. AI9 – Preliminary submission, review of draft regs
2. NGOM management area - CLOSED
3. Federal Survey – HabCam4
4. Upcoming scallop related meetings

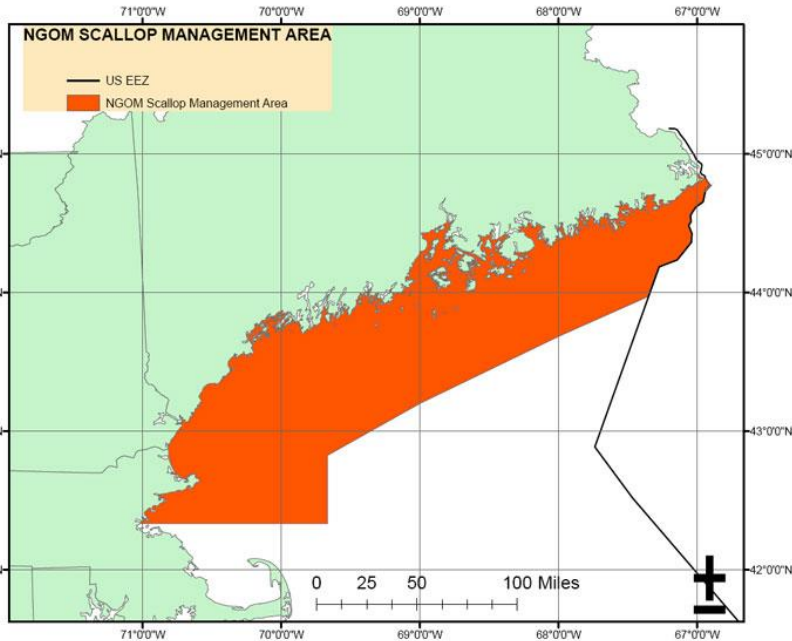


#2 - NGOM

- Increase in fishing effort in southern portion of NGOM management area
- TAC has been reached – Area is now closed to all federal scallop fishing
- April Council Meeting – 2 motions
 - Prioritize a measure to prohibit the possession greater than 50 bu inside of the VMS demarcation line (AP motion in March)
 - Consider changes to NGOM management during 2017 priority setting
- ME DMR survey this summer – results expected in Aug 2016



NGOM Management Area



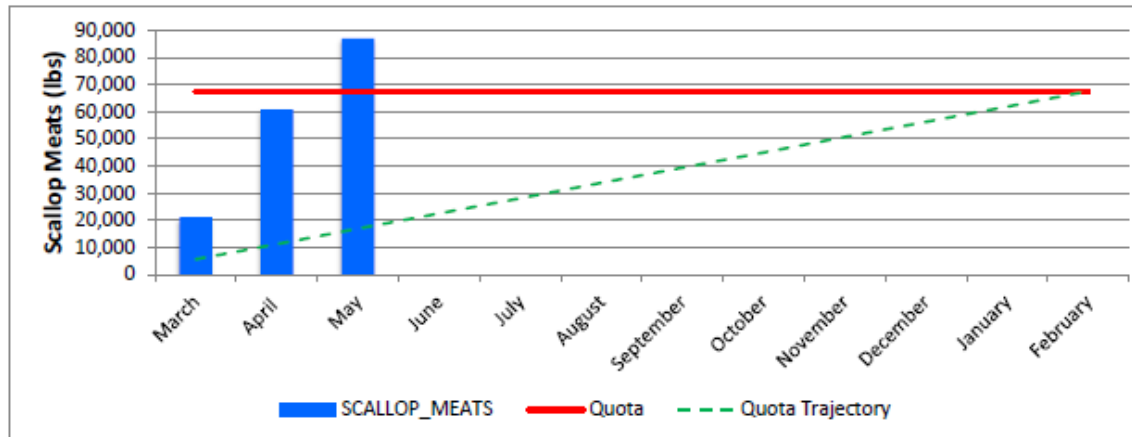
- NGOM resource not in overall assessment or federal ABC/ACL.
- LAGC IFQ catch is applied against the TAC as well as individual IFQ.
- LAGC Incidental catch is not applied against the TAC, 40 pound possession limit.
- LA catch is not applied against the TAC, vessels under DAS management
- Once the TAC is reached, all federal vessels are prohibited to fish in NGOM area, *unless under state water exemption program.*

Recent NGOM Quotas & Landings

(LAGC NGOM and IFQ Permits – As of June 1, 2016)

FY	Quota (lbs)	Landings	Percent of Quota	Overage (lbs)
2014	70,000	43,015	61.50%	na
2015	70,000	72,546	103.64%	2,546
2016	67,454	86,903	128.80%	19,449
2017	50,551	<u>Assuming Status Quo – PDT will revisit in specs</u>		

2016 NGOM Landings Trajectory (LAGC NGOM and IFQ only)



#3 – Federal Survey – HabCam4



- HabCam4 became separated from R/V Sharp during Leg 1 of federal survey.
- Recovered on May 26th
- Operational for Legs 2 & 3 (27 sea days)

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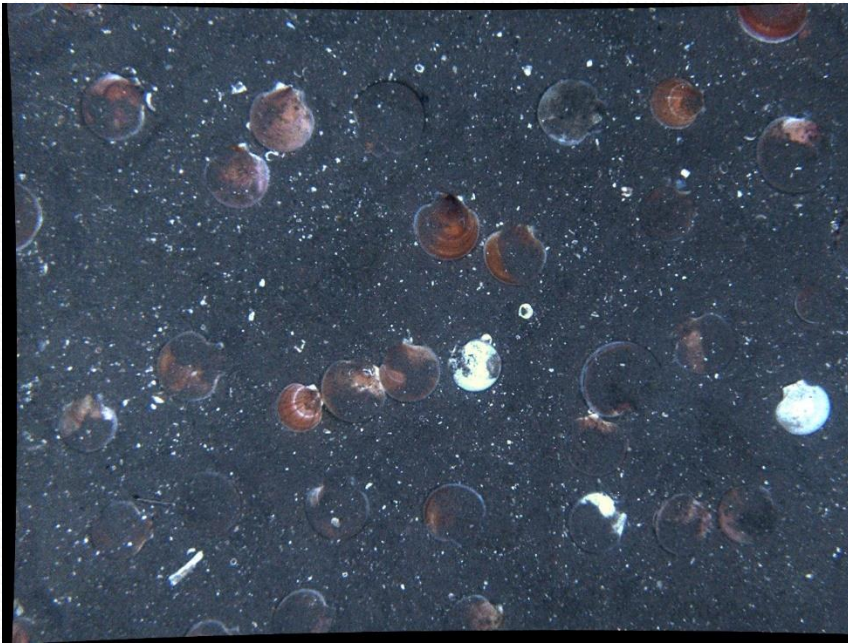


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- Expect full coverage of Georges Bank
- Coverage in Mid-Atlantic
- Impact on biomass estimates?
 - Still early.
 - No change to timeline.
- Update at June Council mtg

#4 – Upcoming Scallop Meetings

- **June 7/8, 2016 - AP & Committee Boston**
- June 9, 2016 - Groundfish Committee
 - Northern windowpane sub-ACL for scallop fishery
- June 22, 2016 – Council Meeting, Portland (9am)
- July 21, 2016 – Scallop PDT, in-person TBD
- August 30-31, 2016 – Scallop PDT, Falmouth, MA
- **September 14/15 – AP & Committee, New Bedford**