

**New England Fishery Management Council
Scallop Committee Meeting
Crowne Plaza Hotel – Warwick, RI
Wednesday, March 23, 2016**

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AGENDA

- 9:30 a.m.** **Welcome and Introductions**
- 9:40** **Discuss general workload for 2016 for the Scallop FMP**
- 10:00** **Review outcomes from the recent inshore scallop workshop and discuss recommendations for the Committee and Council to consider**
- 11:00** **Review preliminary input from the Scallop PDT on a 2016 priority item to consider modifications to the ACL flowchart process**
- 12:30pm** ***Lunch break***
- 1:45** **Discuss recommendations for the Committee and Council to consider for setting overall five year research priorities**
- 2:15** **Review a work plan for the required five year report that will evaluate the limited access general category IFQ program**
- 2:45 pm** **Review recent changes to scallop observer program protocols based on a Council request to improve data collection related to discard of poor quality scallops and highgrading**
- 3:00** **Other Business**

MEETING MATERIALS

1. 2016 workload and scallop action timelines
2. Memo from Scallop PDT with recommendations for 5 year research priorities
3. Draft Discussion Document for ACL Flowchart Issue
4. Memo from NEFOP related to poor quality and highgrading protocols
5. Draft summary from NEFMC Inshore Scallop Workshop
6. Preliminary plan for LAGC IFQ Five Year Review
7. Scallop PDT Meeting summaries
 - a. February 4, 2016 Meeting
 - b. March 9 Conference Call