



## New England Fishery Management Council

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### Scallop Plan Development Team Meeting

#### NEW START TIME – 10 AM

**Date:** Thursday, July 21, 2016

**Time:** 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

**Location:** Parker River National Wildlife Refuge, 6 Plum Island Turnpike, Newburyport, MA 01950  
Phone: (978) 465-5753

#### Agenda:

- Receive an update on five year review of Limited Access General Category IFQ Program.
- The Scallop PDT will begin work on Framework Adjustment 28 (FW28). This action will set fishery specifications for fishing year 2017 and default measures for 2018, and include the following range of alternatives: 1) a measure to prohibit shell stocking north of 42°20'N (NGOM), 2) adjustments to the process for setting scallop fishery annual catch limits (ACL flowchart), 3) modifications to the Closed Area I Access Area boundary. The PDT will review a draft action plan for FW28, and discuss background information and data needs related to management measures in this action. A main focus of the FW28 discussion at this meeting will be on measures addressing the process for setting scallop fishery annual catch limits (ACL flowchart).
- The PDT will discuss recent scallop fishery catch of Georges Bank yellowtail flounder (GB YT) and management in the GB YT stock area.
- If time permits, the PDT may discuss other business that is not listed on the agenda.

#### Directions:

From Route 95 take Exit 57 (toward downtown Newburyport) and travel east on Route 113. Continue straight for several miles and road turns into Route 1A South. At the intersection with Rolfe's Lane turn left toward Plum Island. Take Rolfe's Lane to its end and turn right onto the Plum Island Turnpike. Drive about ¼ of a mile and Wildlife Refuge building will be on your right, across the street from the MA Audubon Center. Park in rear of building; the meeting is being held in the classroom within the visitor center.

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Members of the public may attend PDT meetings, or listen in if the meetings are broadcast but should not expect to participate unless the PDT chair invites input. Public comments and question will not be taken during PDT conference calls

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 this 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.