



## New England Fishery Management Council

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### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** October 21, 2014  
**TO:** Enforcement Committee  
**FROM:** Scallop Committee  
**SUBJECT:** Meeting purpose and materials for Enforcement Committee meeting on October 27, 2014

There is a joint Enforcement Committee and Advisory Panel meeting at the Courtyard Marriott Hotel in Providence, RI on **Monday, October 27, 2014 at 1:00 PM**. Please note there are Scallop Advisory Panel and Scallop Committee meetings in the same location the following two days.

The main goal of the Enforcement Committee meeting is to provide input to the Scallop Committee on measures under consideration in Scallop Framework 26. Document #1 is a description of the draft measures under consideration. There are four specific measures the Scallop Committee would like the Enforcement Committee to focus on:

- 1) New area closures under consideration to protect small scallops (Section 2.2.1.3);
- 2) Alternatives for the allocation method that should be used for scallop access areas in 2015 (by lottery or flexible allocation that would combine access areas (Section 2.3);
- 3) Adjustments to provisions related to allocating and monitoring access area trips (Section 2.4);  
and
- 4) Measures to allow limited access scallop vessels to declare out of fishery on return to homeport on open area trips (Section 2.8).

In addition to the items specifically listed above the Enforcement Committee is invited to comment on any other of the alternatives under consideration if time permits. The Scallop Committee is looking for input about the overall enforceability of measures under consideration. If there are ways to improve the overall enforceability and safety of any measure under consideration please provide specific input to the Scallop Committee to consider on October 29. Council staff will provide a brief presentation summarizing the alternatives developed to date at the meeting. Note that the final specifications for fishing year 2015 are not complete yet, so final DAS and access area allocations have not been included in this version of the framework. However, overall the specifications will likely be about 45-48 million pounds for FY2015 including about 34 DAS and three trips in Mid-Atlantic access areas only. No access areas on Georges Bank are expected to be open in 2015.

The Council is scheduled to take final action on Framework 26 at the November 2014 Council meeting in Newport, RI.