

Scallop Plan Development Team (PDT)

Date: Tuesday, August 26 and Wednesday, August 27
Time: 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday and 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday
Location: Coonamessett Inn, 311 Gifford Street, Falmouth, MA
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Agenda items:

The PDT will review preliminary survey results from all 2014 scallop surveys available, including: the SMAST video survey, Arnie's Habcam survey, VIMS dredge survey and the federal NEFSC scallop survey. Based on these results the PDT will begin discussing possible alternatives for FY2015 fishery allocations. The PDT will also continue development of other measures under consideration in Framework 26 including: measures to address state water fishing for NGOM permit holders, measures to make turtle requirements consistent, accountability measures for northern windowpane and yellowtail flounders and development of a VMS corridor for limited access scallop vessels. Finally, the PDT will make recommendations for the Scallop Committee to consider for 2015 work priorities related to the Scallop FMP. The PDT may discuss other issues not listed on this agenda.

Directions:

From Boston / Points North:

Take Route 1-93 South to Route 3 South to the Sagamore Bridge Rotary. Just before the Sagamore Bridge, take Route 6 West following the signs to Buzzards Bay / Falmouth, then cross over the Bourne Bridge and follow directions from the Bourne Bridge (below).

From the Bourne Bridge

Follow Route 28 south for approximately 10 miles to the first set of traffic lights and turn left onto Jones Road. At the next set of lights, take a left onto Gifford Street. The Coonamessett Inn is on the right.

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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.