



## New England Fishery Management Council

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### Scallop Plan Development Team Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday, October 15, 2014  
**Time:** 9:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Mariners House, 11 North Square, Boston, MA 02113  
Phone: (617) 227-3979

#### Agenda:

The PDT will continue working on fishery specification alternatives for FY 2015 and FY 2016 (default) (Framework 26). The PDT will also continue development of alternatives and analyses for other measures under consideration in Framework 26: 1) measures to allow fishing in state waters after federal Northern Gulf of Maine (NGOM) TAC is reached; 2) measures to make turtle regulations consistent in the scallop fishery; 3) measures to modify the existing area closure accountability measures in place for Georges Bank and Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic yellowtail flounder, and develop new accountability measures for northern windowpane flounder; and 4) consider an inshore transit corridor for limited access scallop vessels to declare out of the fishery. Other issues may be discussed.

#### Directions:

**From the South:** Take I-93 North to Exit 23 toward Government Center, taking the North End ramp toward Charlestown. Take a slight right onto North St. Continue straight to North Square. Mariners House is two doors past the Paul Revere House. There is no parking at the facility, but a variety of parking garages are located nearby.

**From the North:** Take I-93 South to Exit 24A toward Government Center. Turn left at John F. Fitzgerald Surface Road. Turn left on Mercantile St., then left at Cross St., and then right on North St. Continue straight to North Square. Mariners House is two doors past the Paul Revere House. There is no parking at the facility, but a variety of parking garages are located nearby.

**Public transportation:** The Mariner's House is approximately 0.5 miles (< 10 min walk) from the Haymarket MBTA station. From the station, head southeast towards John F. Fitzgerald Surface Rd. Make a left on Hanover St, then turn right on Cross St. Next, turn left on North St and go two blocks to North Square.

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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.