



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Scallop Committee to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: This meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 22, 2025 at 9 a.m.

Webinar registration URL information:

https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/cuM0_wK-RmGgIKowakxOdg

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at Merrill's on the Waterfront, 36 Homer's Wharf, New Bedford, MA 02740, Phone: (508) 997-7010.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cate O'Keefe, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda:

The Scallop Committee will meet to discuss Framework Adjustment 40: Receive an update on Plan Development Team tasking and provide input on the range of potential access area and days-at-sea (DAS) allocations for the 2026 and 2027 fishing

years. Framework 40 will set specifications including Acceptable Biological Catch / Annual Catch Limits, DAS access area allocations, total allowable landings for the Northern Gulf of Maine management area, targets for General Category incidental catch, General Category access area trips, and set-asides for the observer and research programs for fishing year 2026 and default specifications for fishing year 2027. They will also receive an update on ongoing 2025 scallop work priorities. Other business will be discussed, if necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on the agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency. The public also should be aware that the meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Cate O'Keefe, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

(Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*)

Dated: September 29, 2025.

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