



New England Fishery Management Council

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Meeting Notice

*******NEW LOCATION*******

Joint Scallop Plan Development Team & Scallop Advisory Panel Meeting

Date: Wednesday, May 13, 2015
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: Radisson Airport Hotel
2081 Post Road
Warwick, RI 02886
Phone: (401) 739-3000; Fax: (401) 732-9309

Agenda:

- Recipients of recent Scallop RSA awards will provide a status update and summary of preliminary findings to the Scallop Plan Development Team (PDT) and Advisory Panel (AP). Presentations will include RSA projects that have not yet been used directly in the scallop management process. This meeting is *not* a formal review of the methods or results of these projects. Instead, this meeting is only an overview to better inform the PDT and AP of current research status and help identify future research priority recommendations.
- Other issues may be discussed, time permitting.

Scallop Advisory Panel Meeting

Date: Thursday, May 14, 2015
Time: 9:00 a.m.
Location: *Same as above*

Agenda:

The Advisory Panel will meet to discuss several issues:

- Review progress and make recommendations related to Amendment 19 alternatives. Amendment 19 is considering measures to address timing issues that inhibit implementation of fishery specifications at the start of the scallop fishing year (March 1).
- Discuss an issue that has been raised at previous meetings related to scallop fishing space in near shore areas and issues of differential catch rates for general category and limited access vessels. The Council may have a workshop later in the year to discuss these issues further.
- Review a draft action plan for Framework 27 that will consider fishery specifications for 2016 and default measures for 2017.
- Discuss final research priority recommendations for the 2016 Scallop Research Set-Aside announcement. All recommendations will be forwarded to the Scallop Committee meeting that is scheduled several weeks later.

If you are submitting comments for consideration at this meeting they must be received at the Council office by 12 p.m. EST on Monday, May 11, 2015.

For information about meeting materials and detailed agenda, please consult the Council's website at www.nefmc.org

*These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities.
This schedule is subject to change. If you have questions, please call the Council office for final confirmation of meeting times, dates and locations.*

Direction:

From the North: 95 N towards Providence, take exit 15 -Jefferson Blvd, turn right off exit onto Jefferson Blvd. Turn left onto Jefferson Park Road, which is directly across from Dunkin' Donuts. The hotel will be on the left, behind the Venezia Restaurant.

From the South: Take Exit 15 (Jefferson Blvd.); at the bottom of the ramp, turn left. Proceed 1/10 of a mile and turn left onto Jefferson Park Rd.

TA #: 15-86 (PDT/AP); 15-87 (CTE)

cc: Scallop Advisors, Council Members, PDT and IPs

Notice date: April 22, 2015