

QUESTIONNAIRE
NEFMC Inshore Scallop Fishing Workshop
February 22-23, 2016 • Warwick, RI

Background

Some scallop industry participants have raised concerns about the effects of inshore fishing pressure. The New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC) is holding an industry workshop in February 2016 to explore these issues.

The Fisheries Leadership & Sustainability Forum (Fisheries Forum) is working with the Council to plan this workshop. We are providing this questionnaire to gather broad feedback from the industry.

How we will use this information

Your feedback will help us prepare for the workshop. Your individual responses and comments will be anonymous. We may share a summary of feedback with the Council and their advisory bodies, and/or present this at the February workshop.

1. Some participants in the fishery have raised concerns about competition among the LA and LAGC fleets for access to inshore scallop resources.

Do you see this as an issue? Please share your experience.

For example: What geographic areas are most impacted? How does this effect your operations? Has this issue changed over time?

2. Some participants have also shared concerns that inshore fishing pressure could impact localized productivity of the scallop resource.

Do you have similar concerns? Please explain.

3. Please describe your hopes and expectations for your participation in the fishery.
What does a successful, robust fishery look like to you?

4. We look forward to having productive discussions at the workshop. **Please share any additional thoughts or ideas about these two issues (listed below), and how they affect the LA and LAGC fleets.**

- Competition for access to inshore scallops
- The impacts of inshore fishing pressure on scallop productivity

Fishery and affiliation _____
(LA/LAGC, crew, captain, permit holder, other, etc.)

Home Port _____

Inshore areas where you typically fish _____

Are you planning to attend the workshop? YES NO

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