

**Inshore Scallop Fishing Workshop**  
**February 22-23, 2016**  
**Crowne Plaza, Warwick, RI**

Overview

The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a workshop on February 22-23, 2016 to explore concerns about inshore scallop fishing. This workshop will build on and contribute to ideas explored in the May 2015 draft white paper on this issue. The Council has enlisted the Fisheries Leadership & Sustainability Forum (Fisheries Forum) to assist in developing the workshop agenda and facilitating discussions.

Workshop goals

The goal of this workshop is to provide an opportunity for participants in the fishery to discuss concerns raised about the negative consequences of intensified inshore scallop fishing. The workshop will support constructive and open dialogue between all users of the resource, scientific experts and fishery managers.

Specifically, the workshop agenda will support the following objectives:

- Share concerns and perspectives related to inshore fishing pressure, and resulting impacts on the resource and the different segments of the fishery;
- Understand, define and frame the issue(s); including scope, scale, consequences, and influencing factors;
- Generate and discuss ideas that may alleviate the concerns and issue(s) identified;
- Understand each fleet's operational realities, incentives and expectations, and consider how each fleet's vision for the fishery aligns; and
- Foster collaboration and communication among user groups, scientists and managers.

Registration and Travel

The Council encourages participants in the limited access general category (LAGC) and limited access (LA) fisheries to attend, including permit holders, captains, and crew members. Registration is required to attend the workshop. Please visit the council's website for registration and travel information: <http://www.nefmc.org/calendar/nefmc-inshore-atlantic-sea-scallop-fishing-workshop>.

Questionnaire

To support productive workshop discussions, the Fisheries Forum would like feedback from individuals who participate in the LA and LAGC scallop fisheries. Your input is valuable whether or not you plan to attend the workshop. Please take a few minutes to complete this short online [questionnaire](#) (also accessible through the Council's website).

**Workshop agenda and meeting materials will be posted to the Council's website as they become available.**

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