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Reminder: State Water Sea Scallop Trip Limit and Shucking in State Waters by Federal Permit Holders

This advisory serves as a reminder that the sea scallop possession regulations allow for the harvest, possession and landing of 200 pounds of sea scallop meats or 2,000 pounds of in-shell sea scallops in state waters. Federal sea scallop permit holders are exempt from this limit provided they <u>directly</u> transit through state waters with gear stowed. Exempted federal sea scallop permit holders are not authorized to stop in state waters prior to landing. Accordingly, it is prohibited for federally permitted vessels to come into state waters to shuck sea scallops. To view an unofficial copy the state's sea scallop regulations please view <u>322 CMR 6.05</u>.

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