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Sea Scallop Limited Access Leasing Meetings Kick-off This Week in Gloucester – Comment to the New England Fishery Management Council Now through July 5th

The New England Fishery Management Council recently approved in-person scoping meetings to solicit public input on whether a leasing program is needed in the limited access component of the Atlantic sea scallop fishery. Comments may be submitted at any of the seven in-person scoping meetings and two webinars between April 27, 2022 and June 24, 2022 or in writing by July 5, 2022. See below for additional details. More information on the purpose and location of these meetings can be found at: <https://www.nefmc.org/management-plans/scallops>.



SCALLOP INDUSTRY

Comment on Leasing In the Limited Access Scallop Fishery:

- Is a Leasing Program Needed?
- If So, What Should it Consider?



Attend a Scoping Meeting

- Gloucester (Cruiseport) – April 27 at 5 p.m.
- New Bedford (Whaling Museum) – May 11 at 4 p.m.
- Manahawkin (Holiday Inn) – May 19 at 5 p.m.
- New Bedford (Whaling Museum) – May 25 at 4 p.m.
- Point Judith (Superior Trawl) – May 26 at 10 a.m.
- New Bern (Doubletree) – June 1 at 5 p.m.
- Hampton (Embassy Suites) – June 2 at 5 p.m.
- Webinar – June 17 at 1 p.m.
- Webinar – June 24 at 10 a.m.

In-Person Scoping Meeting Locations
April 27 through June 2, 2022

IMPORTANT: The Council has not taken a position on leasing and first wants to hear from all stakeholders. In September 2022, the Council will decide if it will begin work on an amendment to the federal scallop plan to consider leasing. Visit nefmc.org and click on the scallop shell for more info.



Scan this QR code with your phone camera to get to the New England Council's scallop leasing webpage.



New England Fishery Management Council