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

This advisory serves to remind commercial fishermen of the sea scallop possession limit regulations [[322 CMR 6.05](#)]. This authorizes commercial fisherman to harvest, possession and landing up to 200 pounds of sea scallop meats or 2,000 pounds of in-shell sea scallops in state waters.

Federal sea scallop permit holders may possess and land more than the above-described limit, provided the sea scallops were lawfully taken from federal waters and the vessel transits directly through state waters to port. When transiting through state waters, vessels are to have their gear out of the water and properly stowed and the vessel may not cease movement or operation unless otherwise instructed by the Massachusetts Environmental Police or United States Coast Guard. If so authorized by their federal permit, vessels may shuck sea scallops while transiting through state waters. This allowance does not impact overarching federal demarcation line regulations affecting certain federal sea scallop permit holders.

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