

Observer Pre-Briefing Requirements for Scallop Trips

Fleet ID:

Limited Access (Multiday)	046
General Category (Day Trip)	047

Program Code:

Training Trip (Open Areas)	010
Georges Bank or Mid Atlantic - Open Areas	000
Mid Atlantic Access Area -Closed Area	208

Vendor ID:

AIS Inc	02
EWTS	04
Fathom	16

Required Photos for ALL Trips:

One Yellowtail Flounder (if encountered)
All dredges and frames fished (port & starboard)
Species ID photos for SVP Program
Any unidentifiable "FISH, NK"

Gear Info:

Capt. MUST confirm chain mat type – comment or check box on gear log
If TCM is used, comment/check box on how rock & tickler chains are connected, <14" openings
Record any info welded onto dredge frame
Spider chains require comment/drawing of number of rock chains between each tickler chain
Trawl nets do not require photos

Watch Schedule:

Watch periods should represent entire trip
Use 8hr shifts, or 12hr shifts & switch halfway through the trip

Misc. Requirements:

Review subsampling & deckloading in manuals
Review incidental take protocols
Review grey meat/nematode protocols

Sampling Requirements:

Dressed weights for kept scallops are required unless scallops are <i>landed</i> whole/round (This is a probation issue if done incorrectly)
NON-ACTUAL weights must be rounded to the nearest whole pound (unless it is < 1lb)
Discarded scallops are a PRIORITY species and actual weights should be obtained whenever possible – DO NOT visually estimate discarded scallops when it's possible to utilize another estimation method

Length Frequency Requirements:

Lengths of kept & discarded scallops from both dredges should be obtained every other haul
Obtain meat weight and volumetric of one basket kept scallops once per watch Record these measurements on the LF log in their appropriate spots with disposition code
Obtain fin fish lengths once per watch
Appropriate age samples of fin fish every trip

OBPrelim Upload Requirements:

Upload and Photos due within 48hrs of landing
All kept species - scallops, finfish, etc.
All yellowtail flounders observed
Any "171- personally consumed" species
Any "007" or "006" species

Log Requirements:

Logs due within 4 business days of landing
Include all logs & age samples in envelopes
Freezer samples due within 7 days and mailed in a cooler according to protocols

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