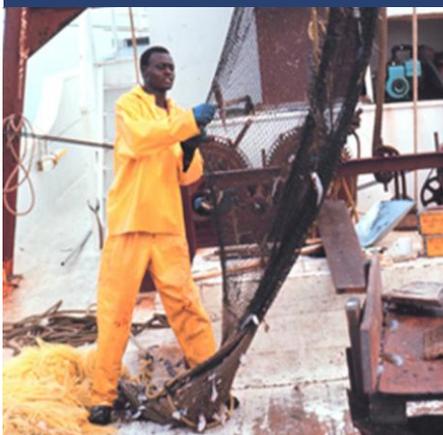


FISHERY INFORMATION SHEET



NOAA FISHERIES SERVICE

This summary provides a broad overview of restrictions and requirements; the regulations summarized here may be found at 50 CFR 648. Please contact the Sustainable Fisheries Division at (978) 281-9315 for more information.



The Sustainable Fisheries Division provides stewardship of living marine resources through science-based conservation and management and the promotion of healthy marine ecosystems.

Scallop Research Set-Aside (RSA) Program Reporting Instructions

When participating in the Scallop RSA Program and harvesting scallop RSA quota, you are subject to additional reporting requirements in addition to those already required by the scallop fishery.

Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System

When harvesting RSA quota, you must also call into the IVR system's RSA reporting section at the start and end of each trip. Please note that when you call to end your trip, you will also be required to report landings for all RSA quota landed for that trip. You must call the IVR system within 24 hours prior to departing port to start your trip, and call within 24 hours after docking to end your trip. Refer to the more detailed IVR reporting instructions worksheet for additional information.

All RSA quota that is landed must be reported through the IVR system, including catch that is landed solely for research purposes. Research catch that is of legal size must be reported through the IVR system as landed RSA quota, and will be deducted from the project RSA quota award. If the vessel is operating under an EFP that provides exemptions that facilitate the research, then you will be required to make an additional IVR report to document research catch. Such instructions will be provided in a separate set of instructions. Additional instructions can be provided on how to document research catch under such an EFP.

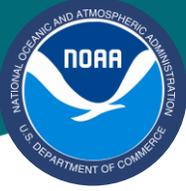
Vessel Monitoring System (VMS)

All scallop permit holders are required to use and have an operational VMS unit onboard. When making your VMS declaration on a scallop RSA trip, you must select either 'open' or 'scallop access areas' under the 'research set aside trip' option. If RSA quota will be harvested in conjunction with a standard commercial trip, the vessel should select the appropriate non-RSA VMS code.

Northeast Fishery Observer Program (NEFOP)

There are no observer requirements for scallop RSA trips, including trip notification requirements. Therefore, you do not need to contact NEFOP prior to making a dedicated scallop RSA compensation fishing trip. If RSA quota will be harvested in conjunction with a standard commercial trip, the NEFOP trip notification requirements apply.

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Vessel Trip Report (VTR)

All VTR submission requirements apply to vessels participating in the Scallop RSA Program. Please visit www.nero.noaa.gov/ro/fso/vtr_inst.pdf for more information on VTRs.

When filling out your VTR, you must fill out the “RSA/EFP: # of Crew” section in box number 6 of your VTR. There are also two specific codes that must be used when you retain fish that are transferred directly to a researcher or research facility and is not sold. Use the following codes in place of the “dealer permit number” in box 20 on the VTR for any scallops transferred to a researcher and not sold to a dealer:

- For fish below the legal minimum size - 6
- For fish above the legal minimum size – 7

Research Report

The principal investigator of this project must submit a copy of the final report to us within 6 months of project completion.

Contacts

Scallop RSA Program questions – (978) 281-9315
IVR reporting requirements and questions – (978) 281-9315
IVR technical difficulties – (978) 281-9209
VMS questions and technical difficulties – (978) 281-9213
VTR questions – (978) 281-9246

Scallop Research Set-Aside (RSA) Interactive Voice Response (IVR)

System Reporting Worksheet

This worksheet outlines the information needed to start and end a scallop RSA trip in IVR and to submit trip level RSA catch reports. It may be copied and used as a personal record and does not need to be submitted.

IVR phone number: 1-888-284-4904

Permit Number					

Permit Number					

RSA Project Code				

New Trip Confirmation Number							

Completed Trip Confirmation Number							

Species name	Species Code	State Code	Pounds Landed/Discarded
Sea scallop	17		

State Codes							
Maine	22	Connecticut	07	Delaware	08	South Carolina	43
New Hampshire	32	New York	35	Maryland	23	Georgia	13
Massachusetts	24	New Jersey	33	Virginia	49	Florida	10
Rhode Island	42	Pennsylvania	41	North Carolina	36	Louisiana	21

To Report the start of an RSA Trip:

1. Call 1-888-284-4904
2. To start an RSA trip, Press 3
3. Enter the 6-digit vessel permit number
4. Enter your 5-digit research code followed by the # key
5. Press 1 to report the start of your RSA trip
 - 5.1. If the system tells you that you have an open trip, you must close your previous trip before initiating a new trip. Follow the end of trip instructions below to close your trip.
6. Stay on the line to receive your confirmation number. You may hang up after receiving this number.

To report the end of your RSA trip and your catch:

1. Follow initial prompts 1-4 from above to enter vessel and project information
2. To enter landings from an RSA trip, Press 2
3. Enter the 2-digit state code (state where fish were landed)
 - 3.1. Press 1 if correct, Press 2 if incorrect
4. Enter the 2-digit species code
 - 4.1. Press 1 if correct, Press 2 if incorrect
5. Enter the amount of pounds landed followed by the # key
 - 5.1. Press 1 if correct, Press 2 if incorrect
6. Enter the amount of pounds discarded followed by the # key
 - 6.1. Press 1 if correct, Press 2 if incorrect
7. Press 1 to enter a new species
8. Press 2 to enter another state
9. Press 3 to exit and receive you confirmation number. You may hang up after receiving this number.