



Greater Atlantic Region Bulletin

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ATLANTIC SEA SCALLOP FISHERY

Closure of the Closed Area I Scallop Access Area for the Limited Access General
Category Individual Fishing Quota Fleet
Effective Date: June 23, 2019

The Closed Area I Scallop Access Area is closed to limited access general category (LAGC) individual fishing quota (IFQ) scallop vessels effective 0001 hours, on June 23, 2019.

As of June 23, 2019, no scallop vessel fishing under LAGC IFQ regulations may fish for, possess, or land scallops in or from the Closed Area I Access Area. The scallop regulations require that we close this area once we project that the LAGC fleet has fished all of the 571 trips allocated to them in this area.

Vessels that have complied with the observer notification requirements, have declared a trip into the Closed Area I Scallop Access Area using the correct Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) code, **and** have crossed the VMS demarcation line before 0001 hr, June 23, 2019, may complete their trip and retain and land scallops caught from the Closed Area I Scallop Access Area.

For small entity compliance guides, this bulletin complies with section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act of 1996. This notice is authorized by the Regional Administrator of the National Marine Fisheries Service, Greater Atlantic Region.