

**NORTHEAST FISHERIES OBSERVER PROGRAM - INDUSTRY FUNDED SCALLOP**  
**National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Northeast Fisheries Science Center, Woods Hole, MA**  
**NMFS-Received Calls, Observer Assignments and Achieved Coverage Levels for Trips Landing from**  
**May 1, 2018 to May 31, 2018**

**Limited Access Fleet**

Area	Calls	Observer Assigned	Assigned Coverage	VMS Trips	Trips Observed	Achieved Coverage	Target Coverage
Mid-Atlantic Access Area	201	27	13.4%	209	20	9.6%	10.0%
Open Area (Mid-Atlantic & Georges Bank)	108	22	20.4%	86	7	8.1%	**
Nantucket Lightship Access Area	50	7	14.0%	7	2	28.6%	10.0%
Nantucket Lightship West Access Area	42	12	28.6%	59	5	8.5%	15.0%
Nantucket Lightship South Access Area	41	8	19.5%	64	5	7.8%	15.0%
Elephant Trunk Flex Access Area	21	5	23.8%	0	0	0.0%	15.0%
Closed Area I Access Area***	78	14	17.9%	71	11	15.5%	10.0%
Closed Area II Access Area	4	1	25.0%	5	1	20.0%	10.0%

**General Category Fleet\***

Area	Calls	Observer Assigned	Assigned Coverage	VMS Trips	Trips Observed	Achieved Coverage	Target Coverage
Mid-Atlantic Access Area Dredge	45	24	53.3%	156	5	3.2%	5.0%
Mid-Atlantic Access Area Trawl	9	5	55.6%	30	1	3.3%	5.0%
Open Area Dredge	128	47	36.7%	361	14	3.9%	7.0%
Open Area Trawl	4	2	50.0%	9	0	0.0%	7.0%
Nantucket Lightship West Dredge	12	6	50.0%	42	1	2.4%	5.0%
Nantucket Lightship South Dredge	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	8.0%
Closed Area I Dredge***	59	17	28.8%	294	10	3.4%	8.0%

These data are the best available to NMFS when this report was compiled.

Final numbers may be adjusted by NMFS to account for miscoded trips and other sources of error.

Trips made reflect completed trips, for access areas include both compensation and normal trips.

\*General Category, assigned coverage is on weekly level

\*\* Please note that Georges Bank target coverage is 20% and the Mid-Atlantic target coverage is 5%

Due to the nature of VMS declaration codes we are unable to separate out coverage rates for these individually

Additional Information about the scallop observer program is available at <http://www.nefsc.noaa.gov/fsb/scallop/>