

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
August 1, 2018 to August 31, 2018

Limited Access Fleet

Area	Calls	Observer Assigned	Assigned Coverage	VMS Trips	Trips Observed	Achieved Coverage	Target Coverage
Mid-Atlantic Access Area	60	12	20.0%	45	3	6.7%	10.0%
Open Area (Mid-Atlantic & Georges Bank)	120	19	15.8%	122	10	8.2%	**
Nantucket Lightship West Access Area	91	16	17.6%	106	7	6.6%	15.0%
Nantucket Lightship South Access Area	45	8	17.7%	41	5	12.2%	15.0%
Closed Area I Access Area	75	12	16.0%	64	7	10.9%	10.0%

General Category Fleet*

Area	Calls	Observer Assigned	Assigned Coverage	VMS Trips	Trips Observed	Achieved Coverage	Target Coverage
Mid-Atlantic Access Area Dredge	52	27	51.9%	153	7	4.6%	5.0%
Mid-Atlantic Access Area Trawl	10	5	50.0%	5	0	0.0%	5.0%
Open Area Dredge	98	41	41.8%	256	11	4.3%	7.0%
Open Area Trawl	3	3	100.0%	1	0	0.0%	7.0%
Nantucket Lightship West Dredge	72	21	29.2%	248	17	6.9%	5.0%
Nantucket Lightship South Dredge	8	4	50.0%	22	1	4.5%	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/>