

**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**  
**December 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018**

**Limited Access Fleet**

Area	Calls	Observer Assigned	Assigned Coverage	VMS Trips	Trips Observed	Achieved Coverage	Target Coverage
Mid-Atlantic Access Area	34	4	11.8%	45	4	8.9%	10.0%
Open Area (Mid-Atlantic & Georges Bank)	38	9	23.7%	39	6	15.4%	**
Nantucket Lightship West Access Area	53	9	17.3%	70	13	18.6%	15.0%
Nantucket Lightship South Access Area	17	3	17.6%	25	3	12.0%	15.0%
Closed Area I Access Area	23	2	8.7%	32	1	3.1%	10.0%

**General Category Fleet\***

Area	Calls	Observer Assigned	Assigned Coverage	VMS Trips	Trips Observed	Achieved Coverage	Target Coverage
Mid-Atlantic Access Area Dredge	42	21	50.0%	83	3	3.6%	5.0%
Mid-Atlantic Access Area Trawl	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	5.0%
Open Area Dredge	98	35	35.7%	147	8	5.4%	7.0%
Open Area Trawl	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	7.0%
Nantucket Lightship West Dredge	12	6	50.0%	16	0	0.0%	5.0%
Nantucket Lightship South Dredge	1	1	100.0%	1	0	0.0%	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/>