

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
April 1, 2018 to April 30, 2018

Limited Access Fleet

| Area | Calls* | Observer Assigned* | Assigned Coverage* | VMS Trips | Trips Observed | Achieved Coverage | Target Coverage |
|--|--------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Mid-Atlantic Access Area | 242 | 36 | 14.9% | 214 | 23 | 10.7% | 10.0% |
| Open Area (Mid-Atlantic & Georges Bank) | 96 | 7 | 7.3% | 118 | 8 | 6.8% | ** |
| Nantucket Lightship Access Area | 14 | 2 | 14.3% | 11 | 1 | 9.1% | 10.0% |
| Nantucket Lightship West Access Area*** | 16 | 2 | 12.5% | 5 | 0 | 0.0% | 15.0% |
| Nantucket Lightship South Access Area*** | 31 | 5 | 16.1% | 16 | 1 | 6.3% | 15.0% |
| Elephant Trunk Flex Access Area | 10 | 2 | 20.0% | 5 | 0 | 0.0% | 15.0% |
| Closed Area I Access Area*** | 23 | 3 | 13.0% | 9 | 1 | 11.1% | 10.0% |
| Closed Area II Access Area | 3 | 0 | 0.0% | 1 | 0 | 0.0% | 10.0% |

General Category Fleet*

| Area | Calls* | Observer Assigned* | Assigned Coverage* | VMS Trips | Trips Observed | Achieved Coverage | Target Coverage |
|-------------------------------------|--------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Mid-Atlantic Access Area Dredge | 17 | 13 | 76.5% | 32 | 0 | 0.0% | 5.0% |
| Mid-Atlantic Access Area Trawl | 7 | 4 | 57.1% | 16 | 0 | 0.0% | 5.0% |
| Open Area Dredge | 173 | 89 | 51.4% | 272 | 7 | 2.6% | 7.0% |
| Open Area Trawl | 0 | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0 | 0.0% | 7.0% |
| Nantucket Lightship West Dredge*** | 10 | 5 | 50.0% | 10 | 2 | 20.0% | 5.0% |
| Nantucket Lightship South Dredge*** | 2 | 1 | 50.0% | 3 | 0 | 0.0% | 8.0% |
| Closed Area I Dredge*** | 41 | 20 | 48.8% | 139 | 5 | 3.6% | 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

***Closed Area I, Nantucket Lightship West, and Nantucket Lightship South opened on April 19, 2018

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