

# Observer Pre-Briefing Requirements for Scallop Trips

## Fleet ID (Describes Permit Type/Length of Trip):

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| Limited Access (Multiday)   | 046 |
| General Category (Day Trip) | 047 |

## Program Code (Describes Area Fished):

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| Training Trip (Open Areas)                | 010 |
| Georges Bank or Mid Atlantic (Open Areas) | 000 |
| Nantucket Lightship West Access Area      | 210 |
| Closed Area I Access Area                 | 202 |
| Mid-Atlantic Access Area                  | 208 |

## Vendor ID:

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| AIS Inc | 02 |
| EWTS    | 04 |
| Fathom  | 16 |

## Required Photos for ALL Trips:

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| One Yellowtail Flounder (if encountered)         |
| All dredges and frames fished (port & starboard) |
| Species ID photos for SVP Program                |
| Any unidentifiable "FISH, NK"                    |
| Scallops with grey meat/nematodes                |

## Gear Info:

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| Capt. MUST confirm chain mat type – comment or check box on gear log                        |
| If TCM is used, comment/check box on how rock & tickler chains are connected, <14" openings |
| Record any info welded onto dredge frame  |
| Spider chains require comment/drawing of number of rock chains between each tickler chain   |
| Trawl nets do not require photos  |

## Watch Schedule:

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| Watch periods should represent entire trip                       |
| Use 8hr shifts, or 12hr shifts & switch halfway through the trip |
| At least 50% of the hauls must be observed                       |

## Misc. Requirements:

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| Review subsampling & deckloading in manuals |
| Review incidental take protocols            |
| Review grey meat/nematode protocols         |

## Sampling Requirements:

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| Dressed weights for kept scallops are required unless scallops are <i>landed</i> whole/round (This is a probation issue if done incorrectly)   |
| NON-ACTUAL weights must be rounded to the nearest whole pound (unless it is < 1lb)   |
| Discarded scallops are a <b>PRIORITY</b> species and actual weights should be obtained whenever possible –<br><b>DO NOT</b> visually estimate discarded scallops when it's possible to utilize another estimation method |

## Length Frequency Requirements:

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| Lengths of kept & discarded scallops from both dredges should be obtained every other haul   |
| Obtain meat weight and volumetric of one basket kept scallops once per watch<br>Record these measurements on the LF log in their appropriate spots with disposition code |
| Obtain fin fish lengths once per watch   |
| Appropriate age samples of fin fish every trip   |

## OBPrelim Upload Requirements:

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| Upload and photos due within 48hrs of landing   |
| All kept species - scallops, fin fish, etc.     |
| All yellowtail flounders observed               |
| Any "171- personally consumed" species          |
| Any "007" or "006" species                      |
| Any Incidental Take information (if applicable) |

## Log Requirements:

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| Logs due within 4 business days of landing                                      |
| Include all logs & age samples in envelopes                                     |
| Freezer samples due within 7 days and mailed in a cooler according to protocols |

## Contact Info

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