

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
March 1, 2020 to March 31, 2020

****Please note Observer Waivers were given to all IFS vessels beginning on March 20, 2020 due to COVID19****

Limited Access Fleet

Area	Calls	Observer Assigned	Assigned Coverage	VMS Trips	Trips Observed	Achieved Coverage	Target Coverage
Mid-Atlantic Access Area	63	4	6.3%	58	2	3.4%	10.0%
Open Area (Mid-Atlantic & Georges Bank)	160	21	13.1%	156	9	5.7%	10.0%
Nantucket Lightship West Access Area	41	3	7.3%	31	0	0%	10.0%
Closed Area I Access Area	6	1	16.7%	6	1	16.6%	15.0%

General Category Fleet*

Area	Calls	Observer Assigned	Assigned Coverage	VMS Trips	Trips Observed	Achieved Coverage	Target Coverage
Open Area Dredge	177	56	31.6%	284	7	2.5%	5.0%
Open Area Trawl	9	4	44.4%	12	0	0%	5.0%
Nantucket Lightship West Dredge	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	5.0%

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 a weekly level.

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