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## Scallop RSA Share Day: Tune in on May 19<sup>th</sup> to Learn More About Important Industry-Funded Research Projects

The New England Fishery Management Council will be hosting a Scallop Research Set-Aside (RSA) Program Share Day on Tuesday, May 19, 2020 via webinar beginning at 9:00 a.m. The event will feature updates and preliminary findings from projects recently funded through the RSA program. The presentations will benefit the Scallop Plan Development Team and Scallop Advisory Panel in making recommendations to the Scallop Committee and full Council for future research priority setting for this program. In addition, all scallopers and other stakeholders may be interested in hearing about how RSA projects enhance management of the fishery and address critical resource, gear, bycatch, and survey issues.

The Council annually “sets aside” 1.25 million pounds of scallop meats that can be used to support research in the fishery. The Council then determines research priorities. NOAA Fisheries manages the RSA competition and administers the program.

Council Chairman Dr. John Quinn said, “The Scallop RSA Share Day is a great opportunity for fishery managers and stakeholders to learn about ongoing research that’s being supported through the RSA program. I encourage anyone who’s interested in the scallop fishery to join the webinar and listen to the short overviews about the important scallop research that’s being conducted cooperatively in our region by fishermen and research partners.”

- [REGISTER HERE](#) for the Share Day webinar. The [meeting notice](#) contains additional call-in information if you need it.
- Take a look at the [Remote Participation Guide](#), which outlines the steps needed to successfully join the webinar.
- All documents and presentations will be posted on the RSA Share Day [webpage](#).
- The full line-up of presentations can be found on the next page.



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## Scallop RSA Share Day Presenter Schedule

Time	Principal Investigator and/or Presenter	Project Title
9:00 a.m.	Mr. Jonathon Peros	Welcome and Overview of RSA Share Day
9:30	Dr. Liese Siemann	Improving Automated Detection of Scallops and Flounder in Optical Surveys with Stereo Detection Methods
9:50	SMAST/Cvision (TBD)	Update on automated scallop detection work
10:10		10-minute break
10:20	Ms. Sally Roman	Understanding Dredge Performance for a Lined vs. Unlined NMFS Sea Scallop Survey Dredge
10:40	Dr. Liese Siemann	Improving a low profile dredge using computational fluid dynamics and flume tank testing
11:00	Dr. Jason Morson & Dr. Eleanor Bochenek	Can Cutting Bar Modifications Reduce Bycatch and Increase Catch Efficiency in the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery
11:20		10-minute break
11:30	Mr. Farell Davis	Quantifying the Selectivity Characteristics of an Extended Link Apron using a Dredge Cover Net
11:50	Ms. Luisa Garcia	Optimizing the Georges Bank Scallop Fishery by Maximizing Meat Yield and Minimizing Bycatch/Seasonal Survey in the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery
12:10 p.m.	Dr. Scott Gallagher	Impact of Disturbance on Habitat Recovery in HMAs on Georges Bank
12:30		Lunch - 45 minutes
1:15	Dr. Roger Mann	Age-based assessment in the sea scallop, a pilot study
1:35	Ms. Kaitlyn Clark	The effect of density on growth, yield and reproduction of the Atlantic sea scallop
1:55	Dr. Samir Patel	Understanding the Impacts of the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery on Loggerhead Sea Turtles
2:05		10-minute break
2:15	Dr. Changsheng Chang	Assessing Potential Impacts of Offshore Wind Facilities on Regional Sea Scallop Larva and Early Juvenile Transport
2:35	Public Comment Period	5-minute time slots for public to make recommendations for 2021/2022 RSA priorities
3:00	Adjourn	Meeting can run long to allow for all public comments