

2019 Coverage Rates  
Industry Funded Scallop

The reports track Industry Funded Scallop Observer coverage assignment, achieved coverage, and the desired target coverage rates for both Limited Access and Limited Access General Category permitted vessels, fishing in open and access areas. Please note the scallop year runs April - March.

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**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%

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**February 1, 2020 to February 29, 2020**

**Limited Access Fleet**

Area	Calls	Observer Assigned	Assigned Coverage	VMS Trips	Trips Observed	Achieved Coverage	Target Coverage
Mid-Atlantic Access Area	53	8	15.1%	47	7	14.9%	10.0%
Open Area (Mid-Atlantic & Georges Bank)	74	12	16.2%	72	9	12.5%	10.0%
Nantucket Lightship West Access Area	14	3	21.4%	12	0	0%	10.0%
Closed Area I Access Area	20	5	25.0%	25	2	8.0%	15.0%

**General Category Fleet\***

Area	Calls	Observer Assigned	Assigned Coverage	VMS Trips	Trips Observed	Achieved Coverage	Target Coverage
Open Area Dredge	165	68	41.2%	272	7	2.6%	5.0%
Open Area Trawl	4	4	100%	4	0	0%	5.0%
Nantucket Lightship West Dredge	0	0	0%	0	0	0%	5.0%

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**January 1, 2020 to January 31, 2020**

**Limited Access Fleet**

Area	Calls	Observer Assigned	Assigned Coverage	VMS Trips	Trips Observed	Achieved Coverage	Target Coverage
Mid-Atlantic Access Area	102	13	12.7%	81	6	7.4%	10.0%
Open Area (Mid-Atlantic & Georges Bank)	62	8	12.9%	56	2	3.6%	10.0%
Nantucket Lightship West Access Area	6	1	16.6%	4	1	25.0%	10.0%
Closed Area I Access Area	39	8	20.5%	31	5	16.1%	15.0%

**General Category Fleet\***

Area	Calls	Observer Assigned	Assigned Coverage	VMS Trips	Trips Observed	Achieved Coverage	Target Coverage
Open Area Dredge	150	54	36.0%	254	14	5.5%	5.0%
Open Area Trawl	6	6	100.0%	6	0	0.0%	5.0%

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**December 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019**

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Area	Calls	Observer Assigned	Assigned Coverage	VMS Trips	Trips Observed	Achieved Coverage	Target Coverage
Mid-Atlantic Access Area	129	21	16.3%	125	5	4.0%	10.0%
Open Area (Mid-Atlantic & Georges Bank)	28	3	10.7%	15	2	13.3%	10.0%
Nantucket Lightship West Access Area	2	0	0.0%	1	0	0.0%	10.0%
Closed Area I Access Area	24	5	20.8%	24	3	12.5%	15.0%

**General Category Fleet\***

Area	Calls	Observer Assigned	Assigned Coverage	VMS Trips	Trips Observed	Achieved Coverage	Target Coverage
Open Area Dredge	129	33	25.6%	193	10	5.2%	5.0%
Open Area Trawl	8	6	75.0%	7	0	0.0%	5.0%
Nantucket Lightship West Dredge	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	5.0%

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**November 1, 2019 to November 30, 2019**

**Limited Access Fleet**

Area	Calls	Observer Assigned	Assigned Coverage	VMS Trips	Trips Observed	Achieved Coverage	Target Coverage
Mid-Atlantic Access Area	181	20	11.0%	159	16	10.0%	10.0%
Open Area (Mid-Atlantic & Georges Bank)	18	6	33.3%	22	1	4.5%	10.0%
Nantucket Lightship West Access Area	34	2	5.9%	39	1	2.6%	10.0%
Closed Area I Access Area	31	8	25.8%	26	6	23.1%	15.0%

**General Category Fleet\***

Area	Calls	Observer Assigned	Assigned Coverage	VMS Trips	Trips Observed	Achieved Coverage	Target Coverage
Open Area Dredge	132	38	28.8%	234	13	5.6%	5.0%
Open Area Trawl	12	2	16.7%	18	0	0.0%	5.0%
Nantucket Lightship West Dredge	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	5.0%

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**October 1, 2019 to October 31, 2019**

**Limited Access Fleet**

Area	Calls	Observer Assigned	Assigned Coverage	VMS Trips	Trips Observed	Achieved Coverage	Target Coverage
Mid-Atlantic Access Area	201	26	12.9%	197	17	8.6%	10.0%
Open Area (Mid-Atlantic & Georges Bank)	48	4	8.3%	64	3	4.7%	10.0%
Nantucket Lightship West Access Area	73	7	9.6%	72	7	9.7%	10.0%
Closed Area I Access Area	26	4	15.4%	27	3	11.1%	15.0%

**General Category Fleet\***

Area	Calls	Observer Assigned	Assigned Coverage	VMS Trips	Trips Observed	Achieved Coverage	Target Coverage
Open Area Dredge	135	57	42.2%	218	18	8.3%	5.0%
Open Area Trawl	15	4	26.7%	21	0	0.0%	5.0%
Mid-Atlantic Access Area Dredge**	3	1	33.3%	12	1	8.3%	5.0%
Nantucket Lightship West Dredge	0	0	0.0%	0	0	0.0%	5.0%

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\*\*The MAAA closed to LAGC trips as of 0001 hr on October 2, 2019

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**September 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019**

**Limited Access Fleet**

Area	Calls	Observer Assigned	Assigned Coverage	VMS Trips	Trips Observed	Achieved Coverage	Target Coverage
Mid-Atlantic Access Area	143	22	15.4%	104	7	6.7%	10.0%
Open Area (Mid-Atlantic & Georges Bank)	117	20	17.1%	126	16	12.7%	10.0%
Nantucket Lightship West Access Area	99	11	11.1%	83	7	8.4%	10.0%
Closed Area I Access Area	44	6	13.6%	38	3	7.9%	15.0%

**General Category Fleet\***

Area	Calls	Observer Assigned	Assigned Coverage	VMS Trips	Trips Observed	Achieved Coverage	Target Coverage
Open Area Dredge	129	47	36.4%	217	8	3.7%	5.0%
Open Area Trawl	18	17	94.4%	23	4	17.4%	5.0%
Mid-Atlantic Access Area Dredge	69	31	44.9%	132	3	2.3%	5.0%
Mid-Atlantic Access Area Trawl	3	3	100.0%	18	2	11.1%	5.0%
Nantucket Lightship West Dredge	3	1	33.3%	0	0	0.0%	5.0%

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**August 1, 2019 to August 31, 2019**

**Limited Access Fleet**

Area	Calls	Observer Assigned	Assigned Coverage	VMS Trips	Trips Observed	Achieved Coverage	Target Coverage
Mid-Atlantic Access Area	73	11	15.1%	65	3	4.6%	10.0%
Open Area (Mid-Atlantic & Georges Bank)	137	18	13.1%	146	10	6.8%	10.0%
Nantucket Lightship West Access Area	118	15	12.7%	125	11	8.8%	10.0%
Closed Area I Access Area	38	12	31.6%	37	9	24.3%	15.0%

**General Category Fleet\***

Area	Calls	Observer Assigned	Assigned Coverage	VMS Trips	Trips Observed	Achieved Coverage	Target Coverage
Open Area Dredge	123	47	38.2%	258	15	5.8%	5.0%
Open Area Trawl	14	11	78.6%	14	0	0.0%	5.0%
Mid-Atlantic Access Area Dredge	72	25	34.7%	230	10	4.3%	5.0%
Mid-Atlantic Access Area Trawl	10	5	50.0%	69	3	4.3%	5.0%
Nantucket Lightship West Dredge	3	1	33.3%	4	1	25.0%	5.0%

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**July 1, 2019 to July 31, 2019**

**Limited Access Fleet**

Area	Calls	Observer Assigned	Assigned Coverage	VMS Trips	Trips Observed	Achieved Coverage	Target Coverage
Mid-Atlantic Access Area	62	9	14.5%	56	6	10.7%	10.0%
Open Area (Mid-Atlantic & Georges Bank)	183	30	16.4%	165	13	7.9%	10.0%
Nantucket Lightship West Access Area	132	17	12.9%	124	9	7.3%	10.0%
Closed Area I Access Area	28	3	10.7%	19	0	0.0%	15.0%

**General Category Fleet\***

Area	Calls	Observer Assigned	Assigned Coverage	VMS Trips	Trips Observed	Achieved Coverage	Target Coverage
Open Area Dredge	131	44	33.6%	314	9	2.9%	5.0%
Open Area Trawl	12	10	83.3%	6	0	0.0%	5.0%
Mid-Atlantic Access Area Dredge	89	41	46.0%	267	10	3.7%	5.0%
Mid-Atlantic Access Area Trawl	11	11	100.0%	66	0	0.0%	5.0%
Nantucket Lightship West Dredge	13	6	46.2%	19	0	0.0%	5.0%

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**June 1, 2019 to June 30, 2019**

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Area	Calls	Observer Assigned	Assigned Coverage	VMS Trips	Trips Observed	Achieved Coverage	Target Coverage
Mid-Atlantic Access Area	107	12	11.2%	107	7	6.5%	10.0%
Open Area (Mid-Atlantic & Georges Bank)	134	19	14.2%	93	8	8.6%	10.0%
Nantucket Lightship West Access Area	160	20	12.5%	172	13	7.6%	10.0%
Closed Area I Access Area	53	12	22.6%	55	8	14.5%	15.0%

**General Category Fleet\***

Area	Calls	Observer Assigned	Assigned Coverage	VMS Trips	Trips Observed	Achieved Coverage	Target Coverage
Open Area Dredge	98	37	37.8%	186	7	3.8%	5.0%
Open Area Trawl	5	1	20.0%	6	0	0.0%	5.0%
Closed Area I Access Area Dredge**	70	22	31.4%	237	13	5.5%	7.5%
Mid-Atlantic Access Area Dredge	98	46	46.9%	284	7	2.5%	5.0%
Mid-Atlantic Access Area Trawl	13	10	76.9%	36	0	0.0%	5.0%
Nantucket Lightship West Dredge	6	2	33.3%	3	1	33.3%	5.0%

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**May 1, 2019 to May 31, 2019**

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Area	Calls	Observer Assigned	Assigned Coverage	VMS Trips	Trips Observed	Achieved Coverage	Target Coverage
Mid-Atlantic Access Area	176	20	11.4%	155	9	5.8%	10.0%
Open Area (Mid-Atlantic & Georges Bank)	41	6	14.6%	28	1	3.6%	10.0%
Nantucket Lightship West Access Area	262	35	13.4%	269	21	7.8%	10.0%
Nantucket Lightship South Access Area**	20	2	10.0%	19	2	10.5%	10.0%
Closed Area I Access Area	59	13	22.0%	49	5	10.2%	15.0%

**General Category Fleet\***

Area	Calls	Observer Assigned	Assigned Coverage	VMS Trips	Trips Observed	Achieved Coverage	Target Coverage
Open Area Dredge	77	37	48.1%	150	6	4.0%	5.0%
Open Area Trawl	4	0	0.0%	6	0	0.0%	5.0%
Closed Area I Access Area Dredge	69	27	39.1%	219	12	5.5%	7.5%
Mid-Atlantic Access Area Dredge	80	33	41.3%	314	15	4.8%	5.0%
Mid-Atlantic Access Area Trawl	7	5	71.4%	27	3	11.1%	5.0%
Nantucket Lightship West Dredge	2	1	50.0%	7	1	14.3%	5.0%

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Mid-Atlantic Access Area	145	18	12.4%	107	4	3.7%	10.0%
Open Area (Mid-Atlantic & Georges Bank)	35	4	11.4%	41	4	9.8%	10.0%
Nantucket Lightship West Access Area	330	43	13.0%	235	19	8.1%	10.0%
Nantucket Lightship South Access Area**	34	3	8.8%	25	1	4.0%	10.0%
Closed Area I Access Area	38	9	23.7%	28	3	10.7%	15.0%

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Open Area Dredge	94	44	46.8%	185	7	3.8%	5.0%
Open Area Trawl	5	1	20.0%	8	1	12.5%	5.0%
Closed Area I Access Area Dredge	34	16	47.1%	80	5	6.3%	7.5%
Mid-Atlantic Access Area Dredge	85	46	54.1%	158	5	3.6%	5.0%
Mid-Atlantic Access Area Trawl	7	6	85.7%	19	0	0.0%	5.0%
Nantucket Lightship West Dredge	4	2	50.0%	6	2	33.3%	5.0%

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