



United States Department of Commerce
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
National Marine Fisheries Service
Northeast Region
One Blackburn Drive
Gloucester, MA 01930

June 20, 2008

Open Access General Category Scallop Permits Due to Expire

Dear Vessel Permit Holder:

Open access general category sea scallop permits issued for the 2008 fishing year will not be valid after June 30, 2008. To continue fishing for scallops as a general category vessel, beginning July 1, 2008, a vessel must have been issued a Limited Access General Category (LAGC) scallop permit.

Therefore, your current general category scallop permit will expire on June 30, 2008. Enclosed is a revised fishing vessel permit for the 2008 permit year which includes all of the permits currently issued to your vessel and the open access general category scallop permit, which indicates that it expires on June 30, 2008.

LAGC application status

If you have submitted an application for one of the new LAGC scallop permits, this notice and revised permit does not change or indicate the status of your application. NOAA Fisheries is currently reviewing the applications for LAGC scallop permits and notifying applicants of the outcome in the order that they were received. The LAGC scallop permit, for which you applied, will be issued if your vessel is found eligible for the LAGC scallop permit.

If you have further questions about your permit status, please call the Northeast Region Permit Office at (978) 281-9370. If you have any questions about Amendment 11 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan, please contact the Sustainable Fisheries Division at (978) 281-9315.

Application forms are not vessel-specific and can be downloaded and/or printed from NMFS's Amendment 11 website:

<http://www.nero.noaa.gov/nero/hotnews/scallamend11/>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ted Hawes".

Ted Hawes, Team Leader
Northeast Permit Office

Enclosure

