

D.3.4 Description of Essential Fish Habitat for Alaska Scallops

D.3.4.1 EFH Information Levels for Alaska Scallops

Scallop Species	Eggs	Larvae	Early Juvenile	Late Juvenile	Adult
Weathervane scallop	x	x	x	1	1

x - No information available.

D.3.4.2 EFH Text Descriptions for Alaska Scallops

EFH Description for Weathervane Scallops

Eggs—No EFH Description Determined

Insufficient information is available.

Larvae—No EFH Description Determined

Insufficient information is available.

Early Juveniles—No EFH Description Determined

Insufficient information is available.

Late Juveniles

EFH for late juvenile weathervane scallops is the general distribution area for this life stage, located in the sea floor along the middle (50 to 100 m), and outer (100 to 200 m) shelf in concentrated areas of the GOA and BSAI where there are substrates of clay, mud, sand, and gravel that are generally elongated in the direction of current flow, as depicted in Figure D-155.

Adults

EFH for adult weathervane scallops is the general distribution area for this life stage, located in the sea floor along the middle (50 to 100 m) and outer (100 to 200 m) shelf in concentrated areas of the GOA and BSAI where there are substrates of clay, mud, sand, and gravel that are generally elongated in the direction of current flow, as depicted in Figure D-155.

EFH Description for Other Species of Scallops

Information is insufficient or lacking to describe EFH for any life stage of pink, spiny, and rock scallops.

D.3.4.3 EFH Map Descriptions for Weathervane Scallops

Figure D-155 shows EFH distribution under Alternative 3 for weathervane scallops.