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ATLANTIC SEA SCALLOP FISHERY

Closure of the Nantucket Lightship North Scallop Access Area for the Limited Access
General Category Individual Fishing Quota Fleet

Effective Date: June 16, 2016

The Nantucket Lightship North Scallop Access Area is closed to limited access general category (LAGC) individual fishing quota (IFQ) scallop vessels effective 0001 hours, on June 16, 2016.

As of June 16, 2016, no scallop vessel fishing under LAGC IFQ regulations may fish for, possess, or land scallops in or from the Nantucket Lightship North Access Area. The scallop regulations require that we close this area once we project that the LAGC fleet has fished all of the 485 trips allocated to them in this area.

Vessels that have complied with the observer notification requirements, have declared a trip into the Nantucket Lightship North Scallop Access Area using the correct Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) code, **and** have crossed the VMS demarcation line before 0001 hr, June 16, 2016, may complete their trip and retain and land scallops caught from the Nantucket Lightship North Scallop Access Area.

For small entity compliance guides, this bulletin complies with section 212 of the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act of 1996. This notice is authorized by the Regional Administrator of the National Marine Fisheries Service, Greater Atlantic Region.