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**Closure of the Hudson Canyon Scallop Access Area for the
Limited Access General Category Individual Fishing Quota Fleet**
Effective November 12, 2011

We are closing the Hudson Canyon Scallop Access Area to limited access general category (LAGC) individual fishing quota (IFQ) scallop vessels effective 0001 hours, on November 12, 2011. As of this effective date, no scallop vessel fishing under LAGC IFQ regulations may declare its intent to enter or fish for, possess, or land scallops in or from the Hudson Canyon Scallop Access Area. The Atlantic sea scallop regulations require we take this action to prevent the LAGC IFQ scallop fleet from exceeding its 593-trip allocation in this area during the 2011 fishing year.

Vessels that have complied with the observer notification requirements, have declared a trip into the Hudson Canyon Scallop Access Area using the correct Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) code, **and** have crossed the VMS demarcation line before 0001, November 12, 2011, may complete their trip and retain and land scallops caught from the Hudson Canyon Scallop Access Area.

For questions about this closure, please call the Sustainable Fisheries Division at 978-281-9315.