

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE NORTHEAST REGION One Blackburn Drive Gloucester, MA 01930-2298

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Dear Atlantic Sea Scallop Permit Holder,

This letter is to inform you that the boundaries of the Sea Scallop Access Areas within Closed Area 1 (CA1) and Nantucket Lightship (NLS) have been adjusted pursuant to the order issued in *Oceana v. Evans, et. al. Civil Action No. 04.0810*. The following coordinates detail the new boundaries of the access areas established under the Atlantic Scallop Area Access Program:

## **Closed Area 1**

(Open through Jan. 30, 2006, to Limited Access vessels on an authorized Access Area trip only)

| Point | N. Latitude | W. Longitude |
|-------|-------------|--------------|
| CAIA1 | 41°26'      | 68°30'       |
| CAIA2 | 41°09'      | 68°30'       |
| CAIA3 | 41°04.54'   | 69°00.9'     |
| CAIA1 | 41°26'      | 68°30'       |

## **Nantucket Lightship**

(Closed to all scallop fishing through Feb. 28, 2006)

| Point | N. Latitude | W. Longitude |
|-------|-------------|--------------|
| NLSA1 | 40°50'      | 69°00'       |
| NLSA2 | 40°30'      | 69°00'       |
| NLSA3 | 40°30'      | 69°14.5'     |
| NLSA4 | 40°50'      | 69°29.5'     |
| NLSA1 | 40°50'      | 69°00'       |

The National Marine Fisheries Service is in the process of revising the scallop regulations at 50 CFR 648.59 to reflect this court order. If you have questions, please call the Northeast Region's Sustainable Fisheries Division at (978) 281-9315.

Sincerely,

Patricia A. Kurkul Regional Administrator



