

NORTHEAST FISHERIES OBSERVER PROGRAM – INDUSTRY FUNDED SCALLOP
National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Northeast Fisheries Science Center, Woods Hole, MA
NMFS-Received Calls, Observer Assignments and Achieved Coverage Levels for Trips Landing from
March 1, 2023 to March 31, 2023

Limited Access Fleet

Area	Calls	Observer Assigned	Assigned Coverage	VMS Trips	Trips Observed	Achieved Coverage	Target Coverage
Closed Area II Access Area	38	14	36.8%	30	4	13.3%	12.0%
Nantucket Lightship South-Deep	7	1	14.3%	4	0	0.0%	8.0%
Open Area (Mid-Atlantic & Georges Bank)	133	30	22.6%	143	11	7.7%	11.5%

General Category Fleet*

Area	Calls	Observer Assigned	Assigned Coverage	VMS Trips	Trips Observed	Achieved Coverage	Target Coverage
Open Area Dredge	140	14	10.0%	228	2	0.9%	4.5%
Open Area Trawl	10	4	40.0%	12	0	0.0%	4.5%

These data are the best available to NMFS when this report was compiled.
Final numbers may be adjusted by NMFS to account for miscoded trips and other sources of error.
Trips made reflect completed trips, for access areas include both compensation and normal trips.

*General Category assigned coverage is on a weekly level.