

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
December 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023

Limited Access Fleet

Area	Calls	Observer Assigned	Assigned Coverage	VMS Trips	Trips Observed	Achieved Coverage	Target Coverage
Open Area (Mid-Atlantic & Georges Bank)	12	2	16.7%	14	0	0%	10.75%
Area II	55	12	21.8%	51	10	19.61 %	10.5%

General Category Fleet*

Area	Calls	Observer Assigned	Assigned Coverage	VMS Trips	Trips Observed	Achieved Coverage	Target Coverage
Open Area Dredge	72	31	43.1%	87	2	2.3%	10.9%
Open Area Trawl	2	1	50%	1	0	0%	43.0%
Area II	10	8	80%	3	3	100%	19%

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.