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fish other than scallops and monkfish, as specified in §648.94(c)(8)(i). Such a vessel may fish in an approved SAP under §648.85 and under multispecies DAS in the scallop access area, provided that it has not declared into the Scallop Access Area Program. Such a vessel is prohibited from fishing for, possessing, or landing scallops.

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§ 648.60 Sea Scallop Rotational Areas.

(a) [Reserved]

(b) *Area II Scallop Rotational Area—(1) Area II Scallop Rotational Area boundary.* The Area II Scallop Rotational Area is defined by straight lines connecting the following points in the order stated (copies of a chart depicting this area are available from the Regional Administrator upon request):

TABLE 1 TO PARAGRAPH (b)(1)

Point	N latitude	W longitude	Note
All1	41°30'	67°20'	
All2	41°30'	(1)	(2)
All3	40°40'	(3)	(2)
All4	40°40'	67°20'	
All1	41°30'	67°20'	

¹The intersection of 41°30' N lat. and the U.S.-Canada Maritime Boundary, approximately 41°30' N lat., 66°34.73' W long.

²From Point All2 connected to Point All3 along the U.S.-Canada Maritime Boundary.

³The intersection of 40°40' N lat. and the U.S.-Canada Maritime Boundary, approximately 40°40' N lat. and 65°52.61' W long.

(2) *Season.* (i) A vessel issued a scallop permit may not fish for, possess, or land scallops in or from the area known as the Area II Scallop Rotational Area, defined in paragraph (b)(1) of this section, during the period of August 15 through November 15 of each year the Area II Access Area is open to scallop vessels, unless transiting pursuant to §648.59(a).

(ii) [Reserved]

(c) *Area I Scallop Rotational Area.* The Area I Scallop Rotational Area is defined by straight lines connecting the following points in the order stated (copies of a chart depicting this area are available from the Regional Administrator upon request):

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TABLE 2 TO PARAGRAPH (c)

Point	N latitude	W longitude
AIA1	41°30'	68°30'
AIA2	40°58'	68°30'
AIA3	40°54.95'	68°53.37'
AIA4	41°30'	69°23'
AIA1	41°30'	68°30'

(d)—(f) [Reserved]

(g) *Nantucket Lightship—North Scallop Rotational Area—(1) Boundaries.* The Nantucket Lightship North Scallop Rotational Area is defined by straight lines connecting the following points in the order stated (copies of a chart depicting this area are available from the Regional Administrator upon request):

TABLE 3 TO PARAGRAPH (g)(1)

Point	N latitude	W longitude
NLSN1	40°50'	69°30'
NLSN2	40°50'	69°00'
NLSN3	40°28'	69°00'
NLSN4	40°28'	69°30'
NLSN1	40°50'	69°30'

(2) *Season.* (i) For the 2023 fishing year, a limited access vessel may not fish for, possess, or land scallops in or from the area known as the Nantucket Lightship North Scallop Rotational Area, defined in paragraph (g)(1) of this section, during the period of April 1 through June 29, unless transiting pursuant to §648.59(a). One June 30, the Nantucket Lightship North Scallop Rotational Area shall become part of the open area for limited access vessels.

(ii) For the 2023 fishing year, upon a determination from the Regional Administrator that the total number of LAGC IFQ access area trips have been or are projected to be taken, the Nantucket Lightship North Scallop Rotational Area shall become part of the open area for LAGC IFQ vessels.

(h) [Reserved]

(i) *Nantucket Lightship—West Scallop Rotational Area.* The Nantucket Lightship-West Scallop Rotational Area is defined by straight lines connecting the following points in the order stated (copies of a chart depicting this area are available from the Regional Administrator upon request):

TABLE 4 TO PARAGRAPH (i)

Point	N latitude	W longitude
NLSW1	40°43.44'	70°20'
NLSW2	40°43.44'	70°00'
NLSW3	40°43.44'	69°30'
NLSW4	40°20'	69°30'
NLSW5	40°20'	70°00'
NLSW6	40°26.63'	70°20'
NLSW1	40°43.44'	70°20'

(j) *New York Bight Scallop Rotational Area.* The New York Bight Scallop Rotational Area is defined by straight lines connecting the following points in the order stated (copies of a chart depicting this area are available from the Regional Administrator upon request):

TABLE 5 TO PARAGRAPH (j)

Point	N latitude	W longitude
NYB1	40°00'	73°20'
NYB2	40°00'	72°30'
NYB3	39°20'	72°30'
NYB4	39°20'	73°20'
NYB1	40°00'	73°20'

(k) *Elephant Trunk Scallop Rotational Area.* The Elephant Trunk Scallop Rotational Area is defined by straight lines connecting the following points in the order stated (copies of a chart depicting this area are available from the Regional Administrator upon request):

TABLE 6 TO PARAGRAPH (k)

Point	N latitude	W longitude
ET1	38°50'	74°20'
ET2	38°50'	73°30'
ET3	38°10'	73°30'
ET4	38°10'	74°20'
ET1	38°50'	74°20'

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§ 648.61 [Reserved]

§ 648.62 Northern Gulf of Maine (NGOM) Management Program.

(a) The NGOM scallop management area is the area north of 42°20' N lat.

and within the boundaries of the Gulf of Maine Scallop Dredge Exemption Area as specified in §648.80(h)(3)(i). To fish for or possess scallops in the NGOM scallop management area, a vessel must have been issued a scallop permit as specified in §648.4(a)(2).

(1) If a vessel has been issued a NGOM scallop permit, the vessel is restricted to fishing for or possessing scallops only in the NGOM scallop management area.

(2) Scallop landings by vessels issued NGOM permits shall be deducted from the NGOM Set-Aside, as defined in §648.53(a)(8)(iii), and specified in paragraph (b)(1) of this section, when vessels fished all or part of a trip in the Federal waters portion of the NGOM. If a vessel with a NGOM scallop permit fishes exclusively in state waters within the NGOM, scallop landings from those trips will not be deducted from the NGOM Set-Aside.

(3) Scallop landings by all vessels issued LAGC IFQ scallop permits and fishing in the NGOM scallop management area against the NGOM Set-Aside, as defined in §648.53(a)(8)(iii), shall be deducted from NGOM Set-Aside specified in paragraph (b)(1) of this section. Scallop landings by LAGC IFQ scallop vessels fishing in the NGOM scallop management area shall be deducted from their respective scallop IFQs. Landings by vessels with incidental permits shall not be deducted from the NGOM total allowable catch specified in paragraph (b) of this section.

(4) [Reserved]

(5) Scallop landings by all vessels issued scallop permits and fishing in the NGOM under the scallop RSA program (as specified in §648.56) shall be deducted from the overall RSA allocation.

(b) *NGOM Scallop Fishery landings limits.* (1) The following landings limits will be effective for the NGOM for the 2023 and 2024 fishing years.

TABLE 1 TO PARAGRAPH (b)(1)

Landings limits	2023	2024 ¹
NGOM TAL	434,311 lb (197,000 kg)	318,573 (114,502 kg) ⁽²⁾ .
1 percent NGOM ABC for Observers	10,538 lb (4,780 kg)	7,932 (3,598 kg) ⁽²⁾ .
RSA Contribution	25,000 lb (11,340 kg)	25,000 lb (11,340 kg).
NGOM Set-Aside ²	380,855 lb (172,753 kg)	285,641 lb (129,565 kg).