### Observer Pre-Briefing Requirements for Scallop Trips

**Fleet ID (Describes Permit Type/Length of Trip):**

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**Program Code (Describes Area Fished):**

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**Required Photos for ALL Trips:**

- One Yellowtail Flounder (if encountered)
- All dredges and frames fished (port & starboard)
- Species ID photos for SVP Program
- Any unidentifiable “FISH, NK”
- Scallops with grey meat/nematodes

**Gear Info:**

- Capt. MUST confirm chain mat type – comment or check box on gear log
- If TCM is used, comment/check box on how rock & tickler chains are connected, <14” openings
- Record any info welded onto dredge frame
- Spider chains require comment/drawing of number of rock chains between each tickler chain
- Trawl nets do not require photos

**Watch Schedule:**

- Watch periods should represent entire trip
- Use 8hr shifts, or 12hr shifts & switch halfway through the trip
- At least 50% of the hauls must be observed

**Misc. Requirements:**

- Review subsampling & deckloading in manuals
- Review incidental take protocols
- Review grey meat/nematode protocols

**Sampling Requirements:**

- Dressed weights for kept scallops are required unless scallops are *landed* whole/round
- (This is a probation issue if done incorrectly)
- NON-ACTUAL weights must be rounded to the nearest whole pound (unless it is < 1lb)
- Discarded scallops are a **PRIORITY** species and actual weights should be obtained whenever possible – **DO NOT** visually estimate discarded scallops when it’s possible to utilize another estimation method

**Length Frequency Requirements:**

- Lengths of kept & discarded scallops from both dredges should be obtained every other haul
- Obtain meat weight and volumetric of one basket kept scallops once per watch
- Record these measurements on the LF log in their appropriate spots with disposition code
- Obtain fin fish lengths once per watch
- Appropriate age samples of fin fish every trip

**OBPrelim Upload Requirements:**

- Upload and photos due within 48hrs of landing
- All kept species - scallops, fin fish, etc.
- All yellowtail flounders observed
- Any “171- personally consumed” species
- Any “007” or “006” species
- Any Incidental Take information (if applicable)

**Log Requirements:**

- Logs due within 4 business days of landing
- Include all logs & age samples in envelopes
- Freezer samples due within 7 days and mailed in a cooler according to protocols

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*DO NOT call the VCIC phone after 9pm*