

# Scallop RSA Priorities

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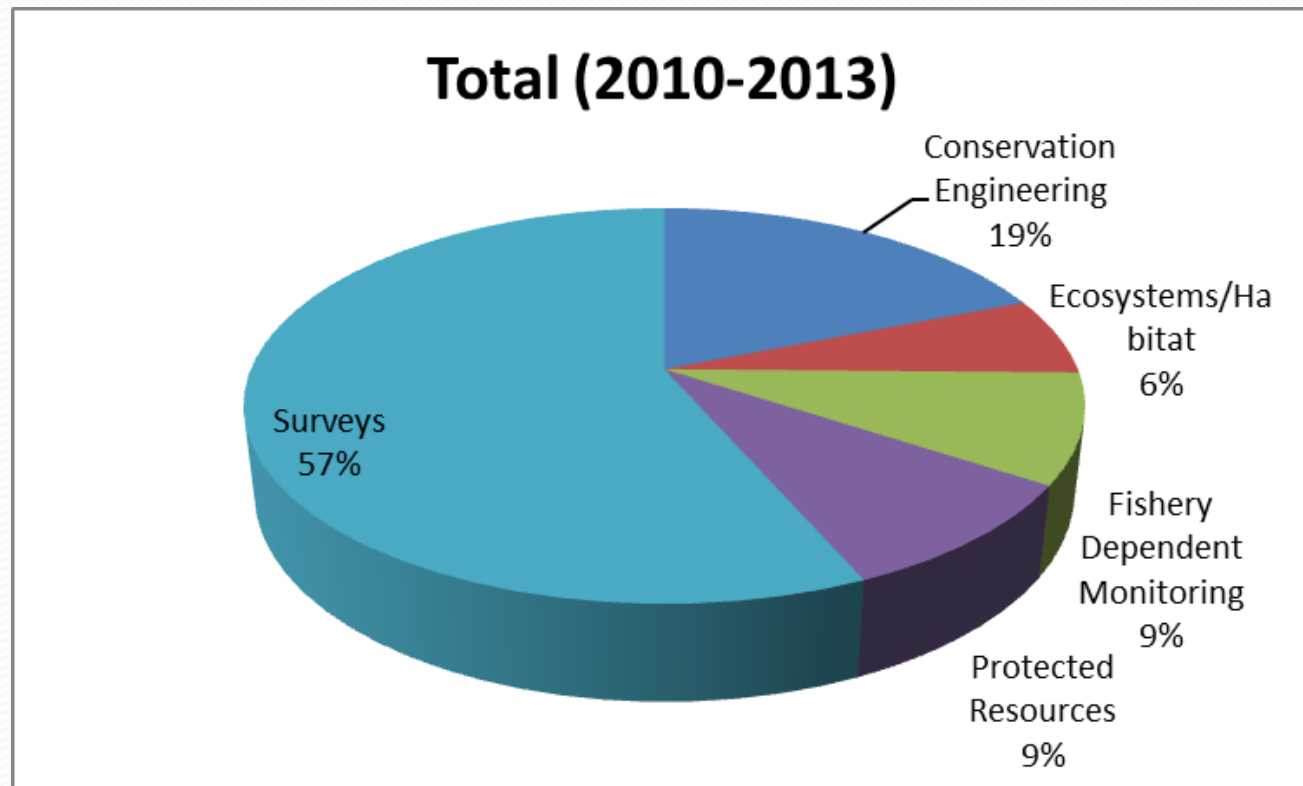
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# Background

- Scallop RSA program began in 1999
- Evolved over time but overall 1.25 million pounds set-aside each year to fund research projects (over \$10mil)
- About 10-15 projects are funded annually
- At least biennially the Council recommends the research priorities that are used in the funding announcement

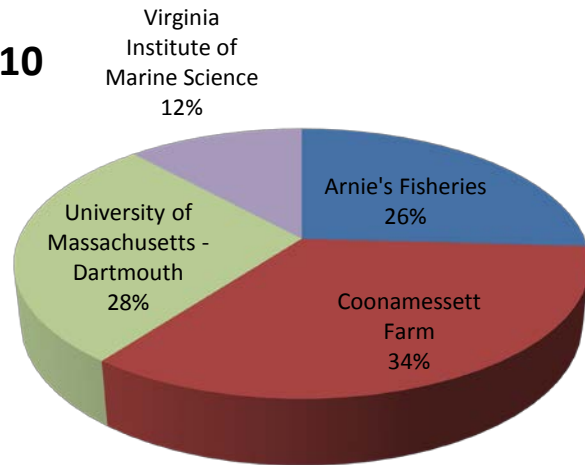
# Research Topics

- About half of RSA for surveys
- Bycatch
- Monitoring
- Turtles
- EFH

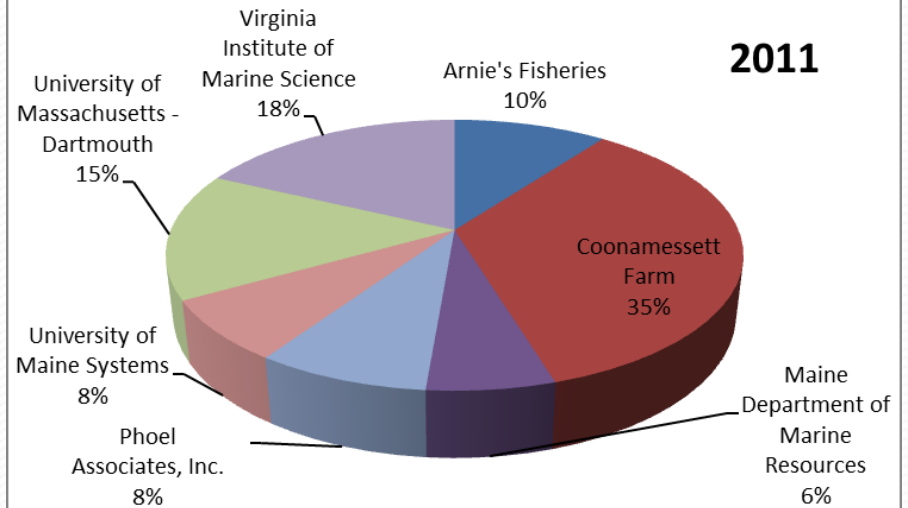


# Research Organizations

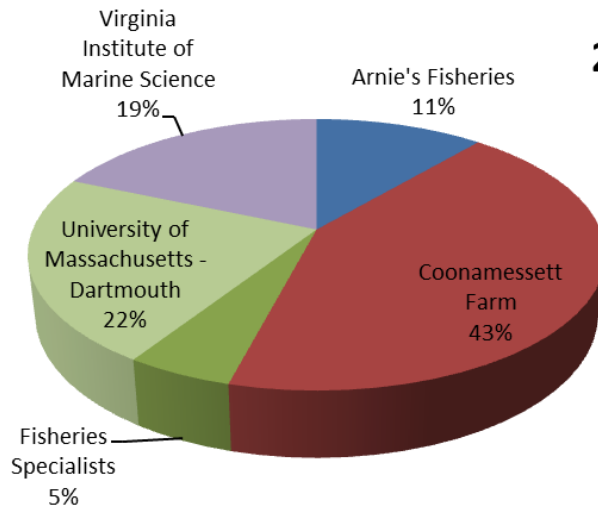
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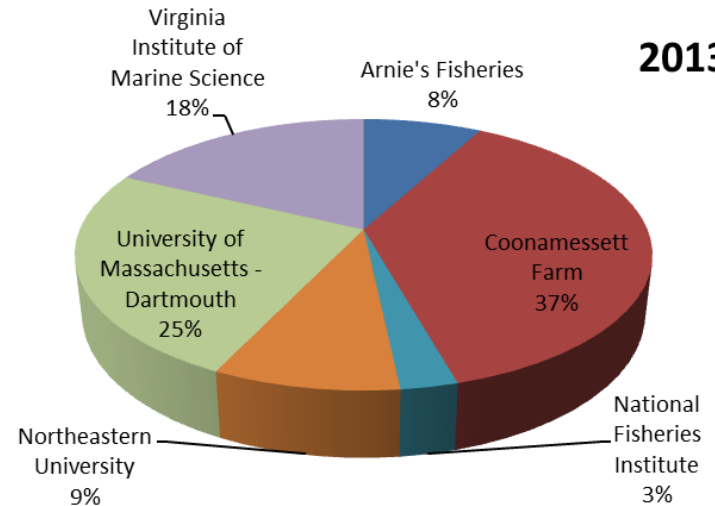
**2011**



**2012**



**2013**



# PDT Meeting – April 8, 2014

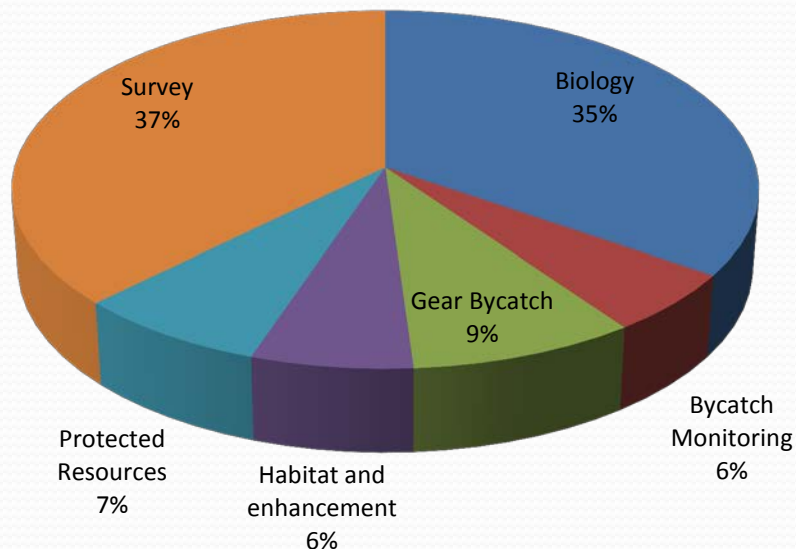
- Document 3 – PDT Memo – Page 4
- Summary of discussion and recommendations
- Appendix 1 - track changes copy of recommendations
  1. Take the first three items and put them in priority order: 1) intensive industry-based survey of relevant scallop access areas; 2) intensive industry-based survey areas that may be candidate access areas in the future; and 3) identify and evaluate methods to reduce the impacts on bycatch
  2. Clarify the bycatch priority to specifically include mention on windowpane flounder and gear modifications
  3. Move #4: broadscale survey under medium priority and clarify the text
  4. Combine several of the priorities that are more long-term in nature as medium priority (#8, #9, and elevate #11 from other to medium priority)
  5. Remove several priorities that are more appropriate for the assessment process (10a, 10d, 10f, and 10g)

# 2014 Awards Final – Doc. #6

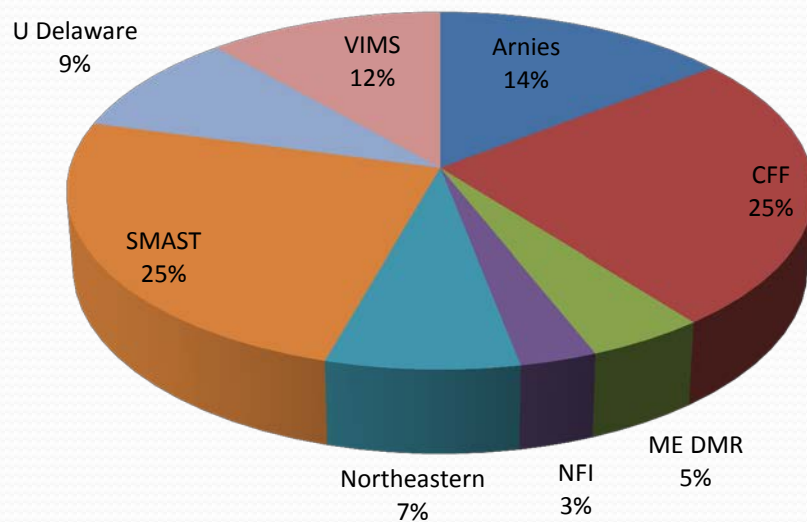
Announced Mid-May - 16 projects funded

1.2 million lbs. from 2014, and 3.5 million lbs. from 2015 RSA

**2014 By Subject**



**2014 By Organization**



# AP/Cmte Agenda Item

- Review RSA Priorities from last year
  - Consider PDT input for modifications
  - Consider AP input for modifications
  - When possible try to prioritize issues and limit if needed
  - Make recommendations for June Council Meeting
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- Sc Cmte Only – Review Draft Scallop RSA Policy for Council to consider in June

