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### ***NMFS Solicits Proposals for the NEFMC 2006 Sea Scallop Research Set-Aside Program***

Newburyport, MA The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announced on October 19, 2005, that it is accepting research proposals for fishing year 2006 (March 1, 2006 – February 28, 2007) to utilize portions of the total allowable catch (TAC) and days-at-sea (DAS) allowance set aside by the New England Fishery Management Council for scallop research in accordance with the provisions of the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan.

The program provides a mechanism to fund research and compensate vessel owners through the sale of scallops harvested under the research quota. Vessels participating in an approved research project may be authorized by the Regional Administrator of NOAA Fisheries, Northeast Region to harvest and land scallops in excess of any imposed trip limit or to harvest and land scallops during fishery closures. Landings from such trips would be sold to generate funds that would help defray the costs associated with research projects. No federal funds will be provided for research under this notification.

**Applications must be received by the NMFS Northeast Regional Office on or before 5 p.m. EST on November 18, 2005. Both online and paper copies of proposals will be accepted.**

For complete details on the full funding opportunity announcement or to apply, please go to <http://www.grants.gov/>. Use the following funding opportunity number: NMFS-NERO-2006-2000403. Applicants without Internet access may contact Rich Maney, NMFS Northeast Regional Office, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. He can be reached by phone at 978.281.9265, by fax at 978.281.9117 or email at rich.maney@noaa.gov.

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