

The panel will review field and analytical procedures used by each survey in estimating sea scallop abundance and biomass and collecting biological data that contribute to resource assessment and management of sea scallops and other species. Describe the strengths, weaknesses and the opportunities for improvement in the surveys, including their methods and estimators, as an overall program that serves as a basis for abundance and biomass estimates used in annual area-based scallop fishery management procedures and triennial benchmark stock assessments. Finally, describe opportunities for using each survey in monitoring and managing resources other than sea scallops.