

Maine Scallop Collaborative Research Fund  
Call for Proposals

**Deadline:** June 16, 2014

**Funding Source:** Broad Reach Fund, Maine Community Foundation

**Administered by:** Maine Sea Grant at the University of Maine

Maine Sea Grant invites proposals for collaborative research on the nearshore scallop fishery. Projects should contribute knowledge to the continued improvements in management of the scallop fishery in Maine state waters. The Broad Reach Fund is making available \$20,000 to fund a series of small research projects that address questions relevant to, or generated by, the fishing industry, and that emphasize cooperation between fishermen and scientists. We anticipate supporting proposals requesting funds between \$2,000 and \$10,000. Proposals will be reviewed for scientific merit and relevance by representatives of the scallop fishery and staff from Maine Sea Grant, Maine Department of Marine Resources, and Penobscot East Resource Center.

**Submission guidelines**

Proposals are due to the Maine Sea Grant Office by 4:30 p.m. on June 16, 2014, submitted electronically to <sgresearch@maine.edu> with the subject line “Scallop Research Proposal.” Alternately, hard copies of proposal materials can be mailed provided that the postmark date is June 16 or earlier.

Proposals must include

- a completed [cover page](#);
- a brief (two-page) project narrative;
- a budget using the provided [budget template](#) (see [budget example](#));
- budget justification; and
- curriculum vitae or resume for principal investigator and each project partner.

In order to make maximum use of these funds to generate high impact findings, funds will NOT be used for recipient institutional overhead charges, administrative costs, capital equipment (>\$5,000), or PI salary. Allowable costs include field personnel time, reasonable boat usage fees, materials and supplies, boat fuel, and subsistence and travel costs associated with conducting the research. Private sector and industry applicants must partner with a research institution, nongovernmental/nonprofit organization or resource management agency, for purposes of grant administration.

Proposal review will be conducted by an independent panel of researchers, educators, agency members, and industry members as follows:

- One representative each from Penobscot East, Maine DMR, and Maine Sea Grant.
- One representative scallop diver and one representative scallop dragger. These individuals will potentially also occupy seats on the Scallop Advisory Council.
- One scallop scientist, whom we propose to be one of the two science seats on the Scallop Advisory Council.

**Review criteria** will include relevance to state of Maine scallop management, likely impact,

feasibility, team personnel and collaborative approach, capacity building, and budget.

Projects must start no earlier than July 1, 2014 and be a maximum of one year in duration. Recipients will provide a written report to Maine Sea Grant at the completion of the project, and present their findings to the Maine Scallop Advisory Council and the 2015 Maine Fishermen's Forum, so that the results of their work reach others in the seafood and scientific communities. Where appropriate, research teams may also present in a local meeting to fishery and community members proximate to the research area.

Maine Sea Grant will host a web page with the research projects and their findings, to which each of the other partners will host a link on their respective pages.

Submit proposals to:

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