

**Subject:** FN0963-Scallop by Dive, Scallop by Trawl, and Octopus by Dive: Experimental - Meetings to Discuss Possible Changes

Since 1999 Fisheries and Oceans Canada has been conducting experimental fisheries for scallops and octopus. During this period a small number of harvesters involved have worked in cooperation with the Department to develop improvements to their fisheries. The Department is now considering changing the licencing of these fisheries to commercial licences for the 2009/10 fishing season.

In addition to considering possible licencing changes, the Department will be considering some changes to the management and assessment requirements for the fisheries. In order to discuss these proposed changes, the Department has set up meetings for January 2009. The future of the Scallop by Trawl fishery will be discussed on January 27, 2009; the Scallop by Dive fishery will be discussed on January 28, 2009; and the Octopus by Dive fishery will be discussed on January 29, 2009. All three meetings will be held in Nanaimo.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed changes or if you wish to attend these meetings please feel free to contact Guy Parker at (250) 756-7163 or Russell Mylchreest at (604) 666-3869 for more information. Written comments may also be sent by fax to Guy Parker at (250) 756-7162.

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