



SMAST – SCALLOP INDUSTRY

YELLOWTAIL BYCATCH ADVISORY

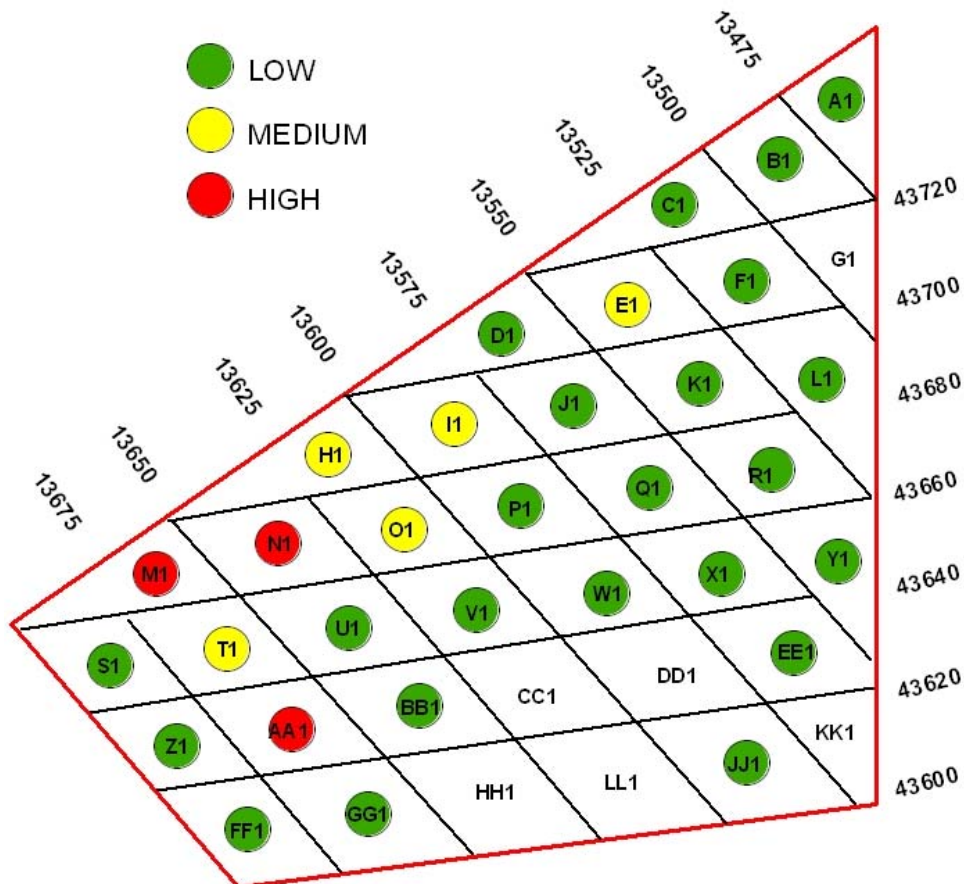


****ALERT****

Scallop catch rates have dropped since areas opened on June 15th.

Bycatch avoidance cell classifications have changed due to lowered scallop catch rates.

Please note new yellowtail hotspot locations in Closed Area 1, Closed Area 2 and Nantucket Lightship.



CLOSED AREA 1

WEDNESDAY 9/19/2012:

8 boats reported 385 tows since 9/15

YT catch:

HIGH: M, N, AA

MEDIUM: E, I, H, O, T

LOW: A, B, C, D, F, J, K, L, P, Q, R, S, U, V, W, X, Y, Z, BB, EE, FF, GG, JJ

NO DATA: All other cells.

Cell B is a new LOW cell.

Cell H is now a MEDIUM cell.

Thank you!

CLOSED AREA 2

WEDNESDAY 9/19/2012

6 boats reported 288 tows since 9/15

YT catch:

HIGH: CC, JJ, BB, ZZ, U, AA, HH, T, Z, GG, QQ,
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MEDIUM: Y

LOW: A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P,
Q, R, S, V, W, X, DD, EE, FF, LL, MM, NN,
PP, RR, SS, KK

NO DATA: All other cells

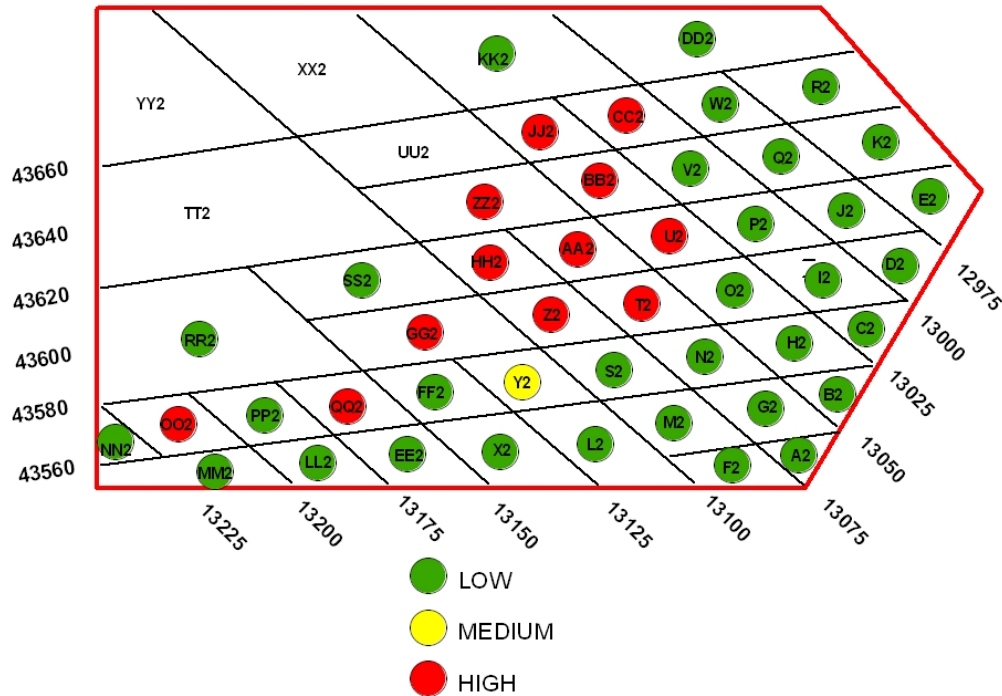
A, C, E are new LOW cells.

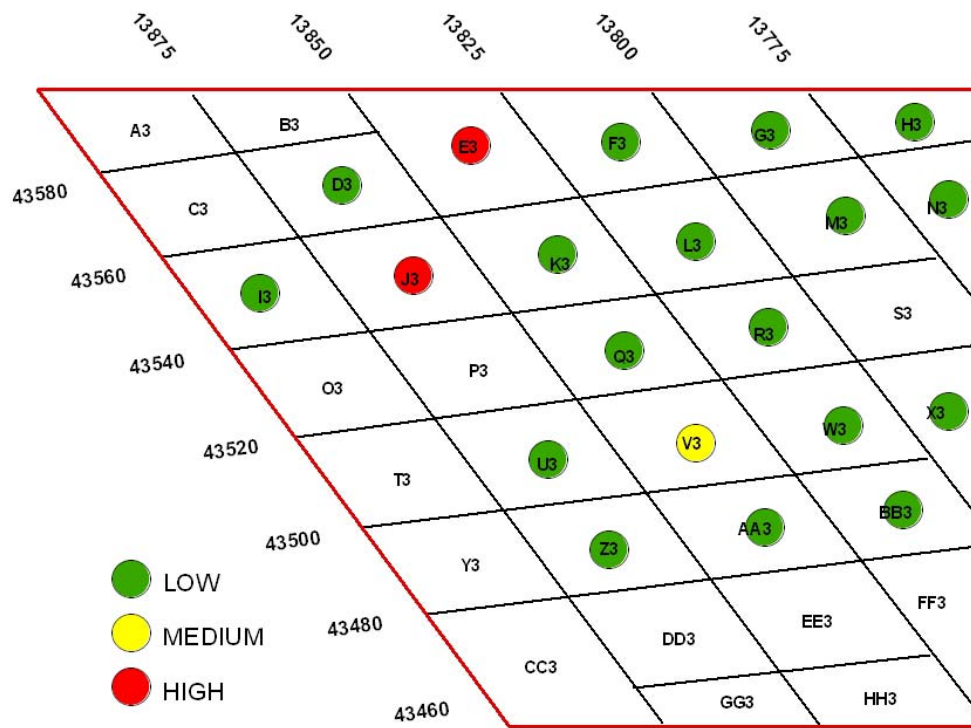
PP is now a LOW cell.

Cells in central region are bycatch hotspots.

Bycatch is LOW in the eastern region.

Thank you!





NANTUCKET LIGHTSHIP

WEDNESDAY 9/19/2012:

2 boats reported 65 tows since 9/15.

YT catch:

HIGH: E, J

MEDIUM: V

LOW: D, F, G, H, I, K, L, M, N, Q, R, U, W, X, Z,
AA, BB

NO DATA: All other cells

Cells E and J are bycatch hotspots.

Thank you!