

New Bedford fishing commercial fishing vessel caught hiding scallops on Sunday

On Sunday, April 8, the Massachusetts Environmental Police report that an inspection was conducted on a commercial scallop vessel in New Bedford. The vessel was on a "closed area trip" which restricts the landing limit for scallop meats to a certain poundage. Upon completion of the off-load, the vessel was found to be over the limit by three-hundred pounds. Multiple bags of scallop meats were found hidden throughout the interior of the vessel.

The operator was issued a citation for failing to display catch and the overage was reported to a National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) agent for further enforcement.



