funding shortfall, or to expand a project, rather than having that RSA go unused. NMFS shall identify the process for the reallocation of available RSA pounds as part of the FFO for the RSA program. The FFO shall specify the conditions under which a project that has been awarded RSA could be provided additional RSA pounds as supplemental compensation to account for lower-than-expected scallop price or for expansion of the project, timing of reallocation, and information submission requirements.

(f) If all RSA pounds awarded to a project cannot be harvested during the applicable fishing year, RSA TAC awarded to that project may be harvested through May 31 of the fishing year subsequent to the fishing year in which the set-aside is awarded.

(g) Vessels conducting research under an approved RSA project may be exempt from crew restrictions specified in §648.51, seasonal closures of access areas specified in §648.59, and the restriction on fishing in only one access area during a trip specified in §648.60(a)(4). The RSA project proposal must list which of these measures for which an exemption is required. An exemption shall be provided by Letter of Authorization issued by the Regional Administrator. RSA compensation fishing trips and combined compensation and research trips are not eligible for these exemptions.

(h) Upon completion of scallop research projects approved pursuant to this section and the applicable NOAA grants review process, researchers must provide the Council and NMFS with a report of research findings, which must include at least the following: A detailed description of methods of data collection and analysis; a discussion of results and any relevant conclusions presented in a format that is understandable to a non-technical audience; and a detailed final accounting of all funds used to conduct the sea scallop research.

§ 648.58 Rotational Closed Areas.

(a)-(b) [Reserved]

(c) Transiting. No vessel possessing scallops may enter or be in the area(s) specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section unless the vessel is transiting the area and the vessel’s fishing gear is unavailable for immediate use as defined in §648.23(b), or there is a compelling safety reason to be in such areas.

(d) Vessels fishing for species other than scallops. A vessel may fish for species other than scallops within the closed areas specified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section as allowed in this part, provided the vessel does not fish for, catch, or retain scallops. Declaration through VMS that the vessel is fishing in the general category scallop fishery is deemed to be an intent to fish for, catch, or retain scallops.

(e) [Reserved]

(f) Delmarva Closed Area. No vessel may fish for scallops in, or possess or land scallops from, the area known as the Delmarva Closed Area. No vessel may possess scallops in the Delmarva Closed Area, unless such vessel is only transiting the area as provided in paragraph (c) of this section. The Delmarva
§ 648.59 Sea Scallop Access Areas.

(a) Delmarva Sea Scallop Access Area.

(1) From March 1, 2011, through February 28, 2014 (i.e., fishing years 2011 through 2013), a vessel issued a scallop permit may fish for, possess, or land scallops in or from the area known as the Delmarva Sea Scallop Access Area, described in paragraph (a)(2) of this section, only if the vessel is participating in, and complies with the requirements of, the area access program described in §648.60. The Delmarva Scallop Access Area schedule and TACs specified in paragraph (a)(3) of this section for fishing year 2013 are default measures and subject to change through a future framework adjustment.

(2) The Delmarva Sea Scallop Access Area is defined by straight lines connecting the following points in the order stated (copies of a chart depicting this area are available from the Regional Administrator upon request):

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(3) Number of trips—(i) Limited access vessels. Based on its permit category, a vessel issued a limited access scallop permit may fish no more than the maximum number of trips in the Delmarva Access Area as specified in §648.60(a)(3)(i), unless the vessel owner has made an exchange with another vessel owner whereby the vessel gains a Delmarva Access Area trip and gives up a trip into another Sea Scallop Access Area, as specified in §648.60(a)(3)(ii), or unless the vessel is taking a compensation trip for a prior Delmarva Access Area trip that was terminated early, as specified in §648.60(c). Additionally, limited access full-time and part-time scallop vessels are restricted in the number of trips that may be taken from June 15 through October 31, as specified in §648.60(a)(3)(i)(B)(4) and (a)(3)(i)(C)(4).

(ii) LAGC IFQ scallop vessels.—(A) The percentage of the Delmarva Access Area TAC to be allocated to LAGC IFQ scallop vessels shall be specified in paragraph (a)(4)(ii)(A) of this section through the framework adjustment process, and shall determine the number of trips allocated to LAGC IFQ scallop vessels as specified in paragraph (a)(4)(ii)(B) of this section. LAGC IFQ vessels will be allocated 355,900 lb (161 mt) in fishing year 2011, and 2,943,000 lb (1,335 mt) in fishing years 2012 and 2013.

(B) Based on the TAC specified in paragraph (a)(4)(i)(A) of this section, LAGC scallop vessels are allocated 593 trips in fishing year 2011, 298 trips in fishing year 2012, and 298 trips in fishing year 2013 to the Delmarva Access Area.

(C) This fleet-wide trip allocation applies to both LAGC IFQ vessels and limited access vessels with LAGC IFQ permits that are fishing under the provisions of the LAGC IFQ permit.