

## **ScallApp Privacy Policy**

Commercial Fisheries Research Foundation (CFRF) is a not-for-profit organization. The mission of the CFRF is to conduct and support research and education to achieve sustainable fisheries for the benefit of individuals and businesses dependent on commercial fishing, consumers of seafood, and the public good.

CFRF built the ScallApp app as a free app. This SERVICE is provided by the Commercial Fisheries Research Foundation at no cost and is intended for use as is.

This page is used to inform visitors regarding our policies with the collection, use, and disclosure of Personal Information if anyone decided to use our Service.

If you choose to use our Service, then you agree to the collection and use of information in relation to this policy. The Personal Information that we collect is used for providing and improving the Service. We will not use or share your information with anyone except as described in this Privacy Policy.

The terms used in this Privacy Policy have the same meanings as in our Terms and Conditions, which are accessible at ScallApp unless otherwise defined in this Privacy Policy.

### **Information Collection and Use**

For a better experience, while using our Service, we may require you to provide us with certain personally identifiable information, including but not limited to Name, email address, phone number, vessel name(s), device id, photos. The information that we request will be retained by us and used as described in this privacy policy.

The app does use third-party services that may collect information used to identify you.

### **Log Data**

We want to inform you that whenever you use our Service, in the event of an error in the app we collect data and information (through third-party products) on your phone called Log Data. This Log Data may include information such as your device Internet Protocol (“IP”) address, device name, operating system version, the configuration of the app when utilizing our Service, the time and date of your use of the Service, and other statistics.

### **How and why do we collect this data?**

Commercial fishermen (users) collect volunteer fishery data using personally owned smart phones, or CFRF provided smart phones. Our Service may be downloaded by the project participants onto their own devices. The data are directly collected while fishermen are at sea, during normal fishing operations. The data collected includes images of individual commercially caught sea scallops, and fishermen’s comments pertaining to those images. The project goal is

to determine if such a method could be used as a management tool, as well as enhance understanding of Atlantic sea scallop biology.

### **Data Retention**

The CFRF will retain all data collected from this Service on an internally managed server and database indefinitely. Personal information collected on the app is strictly used to identify project participant app users with the data submitted to the CFRF through our Service. No personal information is made available to the public or sold to third-parties. Biological data collected by our Service may be used for scientific or research purposes. These data may be provided to other scientific investigators upon request and upon approval by CFRF.

### **Third-Party Data Sharing**

Data collected by our Service are stored on a CFRF managed database and server accessible solely by the CFRF. Biological data collected by users, including but not limited to sampling time, date, location, images, and comments may be shared with the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration Fisheries' Cooperative Research Branch, as well as the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC). Collected data may be processed and analyzed for use in scientific/academic research and publications. Specific location data may be reflected in scientific/academic research and publications, but will not be associated by names, vessel names, or any other personally identifiable information that would link the user to a specific geographic location, time, or date.

Data collected by our Service may be used in the development of a dashboard web app to be made available to industry participants, as well as scientific and management partners. This tool may include biological and location data for spatial visualization.

This project is funded and supported by the ASMFC and negotiated under the provisions of a cooperative agreement between the United States Department of Commerce, National Marine Fisheries Service, and ASMFC (award number NA22NMF4540361). Title to all work generated under this contract, including but not limited to all material, reports, drawings, blueprints, data and technical information completed under this contract shall vest in the ASMFC. (From Article 9 of the Contract 22-1106, Contract w/ASMFC)

The information and data collected through the use of ScallApp is not used for advertising or any other commercial purposes and is not shared with any commercial/business entities.

### **Opting Out**

Our Service is only available to project participants, and these were selected from a pool of applicants for this project. The use of this Service is voluntary, and users may opt-out at any time, for any reason. Any data collected by our Service becomes the property of the Commercial Fisheries Research Foundation and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission.

## **Security**

We value your trust in providing us with your Personal Information, thus we are striving to use commercially acceptable means of protecting it. But remember that no method of transmission over the internet, or method of electronic storage is 100% secure and reliable, and we cannot guarantee its absolute security.

## **Disputes**

In the event that a user wishes to revoke consent to the use of any collected information or data through the app, the CFRF will work to identify the particular parameters of collected data in question and will delete or nullify that information and/or data entries. The CFRF will attempt to negotiate with any project participant complaints, to the satisfaction of the project participant, such that some portion of the data collected through the app might be retained for the benefit of the project.

## **Children's Privacy**

These Services do not address anyone under the age of 13. We do not knowingly collect personally identifiable information from children under 13 years of age. In the case we discover that a child under 13 has provided us with personal information, we immediately delete this from our servers. If you are a parent or guardian and you are aware that your child has provided us with personal information, please contact us so that we will be able to do the necessary actions.

## **Changes to This Privacy Policy**

We may update our Privacy Policy from time to time. Thus, you are advised to review this page periodically for any changes. We will notify you of any changes by posting the new Privacy Policy on this page.

This policy is effective as of 2023-08-22

## **Contact Us**

If you have any questions or suggestions about our Privacy Policy, do not hesitate to contact us at [feedback@cfrfoundation.org](mailto:feedback@cfrfoundation.org).