

Scallop Seed

What is a seed scallop?

Seed Scallop means scallops that are sexually immature and do not bear a well-defined annual growth line

No person shall land or possess scallops without a well-defined growth line and that growth line shall measure at least 10 millimeters from the hinge of the shell.

What is a growth line?

We also call it a ring, but it's actually more of a **ridge** that you can **see** as well as **feel** with your fingernail.



Large scallop seed, there is no growth ring.

What to look for...

You can't always depend on the size of the scallop because there is a variance of sizes seen in both seed and adults. You also have to be aware that scallops may have what would look like a ring but may just be a color variance. It is important to see and feel the ring to determine if you have a seed or an adult scallop.

An adult scallop with a well defined annual growth line.

