

# New England Fishery Management Council

## Three Meeting Outlook – June through December 2018

(Last updated May 15, 2018 and subject to change pending new information)

June 12-14, 2018 Portland, ME	September 25-27, 2018 Plymouth, MA	December 4-6, 2018 Newport, RI
<b>Atlantic Herring</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stocks in the Atlantic Herring Fishery: consider whether or not to add river herring and shad to the Atlantic Herring Fishery Management Plan</li> <li>2019-2021 Specifications: initial overview</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amendment 8: review public comments on acceptable biological catch (ABC) control rule and potential localized depletion/user conflict alternatives; take final action</li> <li>2019-2021 Specifications: progress report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2019-2021 Specifications: final action</li> </ul>
<b>Habitat</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clam Dredge Framework: select range of alternatives to consider continued surfclam fishery and mussel dredge access to Great South Channel Habitat Management Area</li> <li>Offshore Energy: update on activities and consultations if needed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clam Dredge Framework: final action</li> <li>Offshore Energy: update on activities and consultations if needed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offshore Energy: update on activities and consultations if needed</li> </ul>
<b>Groundfish</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Framework Adjustment 58: initiate action to include (1) 2019 total allowable catches (TACs) for US/Canada stocks of Eastern Georges Bank (GB) cod, Eastern GB haddock, and GB yellowtail flounder, (2) rebuilding plans for several stocks, and (3) other measures</li> <li>Monitoring Amendment 23: potentially select range of alternatives</li> <li>Fishery Dependent Data Working Group: update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Framework Adjustment 58: (1) receive framework update; (2) receive TMGC's TAC recommendations for US/Canada stocks; (3) receive SSC's 2019-2020 Georges Bank yellowtail flounder overfishing limit (OFL) and ABC recommendations</li> <li>Monitoring Amendment 23: update</li> <li>Fishery Dependent Data Working Group: final report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Framework Adjustment 58: final action</li> <li>Monitoring Amendment 23: update</li> </ul>
<b>Sea Scallops</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scallop Research Set-Aside (RSA) Program: approve 2019-2020 RSA priorities</li> <li>2019-2020 Specifications: Initial overview of action containing 2019 fishery specifications, 2020 default specs, plus other measures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2019-2020 Specifications: receive progress report, including overview of 2018 surveys</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2019-2020 Specifications: final action</li> </ul>
<b>Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management (EBFM)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EBFM Strategy Review: panel chair report on peer review of operating models and plan to complete development of an example Fishery Ecosystem Plan (eFEP) framework for Georges Bank</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Georges Bank example Fishery Ecosystem Plan (eFEP): progress report on development of an eFEP framework for Georges Bank</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Georges Bank eFEP: progress report on development of an example Fishery Ecosystem Plan framework for Georges Bank</li> </ul>
	<b>Small-Mesh Multispecies (Whiting)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amendment 22: review public comments, take final action on limited access and related measures</li> <li>Annual Monitoring Report: fishing year 2017</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Southern Red Hake: begin development of framework or amendment to rebuild stock</li> </ul>
<b>Skates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Framework Adjustment 6: final action on measures to prolong length of skate wing fishery</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Northeast Skate Complex Amendment 5: progress report on development of limited access program</li> <li>Annual Monitoring Report: fishing year 2017</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Northeast Skate Complex Amendment 5: progress report</li> </ul>
<b>Observer Policy/Industry-Funded Monitoring</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Electronic Monitoring (EM): committee comments on NMFS's draft policy directive for allocating costs in EM programs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Policy and strategic approach to monitoring commercial fisheries: committee update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Policy and strategic approach to monitoring commercial fisheries: committee update</li> </ul>
		<b>Spiny Dogfish</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2019-2021 Specifications: final action</li> </ul>
	<b>Research Steering</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee report</li> </ul>	
<b>Other</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council Program Review: follow-up, next steps</li> <li>Northeast Fisheries Observer Program and Fishing Year 2018 Sea Day Schedule: NEFSC report</li> <li>Regulatory Reform: finalize Council list</li> <li>Research Set-Aside Program Review: update</li> <li>Allocation Review Triggers: overview and discussion</li> <li>Northeast Regional Coordinating Committee Stock Assessment Process: update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SAW/SARC 65 – Benchmark Assessments for Atlantic Herring and Atlantic Sea Scallops: Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) report</li> <li>Fishery Dependent Data Visioning Project: GARFO</li> <li>Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology (SBRM): report on three-year review</li> <li>Allocation Review Triggers: follow-up from June</li> <li>2019 Council Priorities: initial discussion</li> <li>Council Member Recusals: proposed rule discussion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Research Set-Aside Program Review: possible action on RSA review panel final report compiled by Council/GARFO/NEFSC</li> <li>2019 Council Priorities: final action</li> </ul>