

New England Fishery Management Council

Three Meeting Outlook – June through December 2018

(Last updated May 31, 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
Atlantic Herring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stocks in the Atlantic Herring Fishery: consider whether or not to add river herring and shad to the Atlantic Herring Fishery Management Plan 2019-2021 Specifications: initial overview Catch limits: consider options/adjustments for mitigating impacts of potentially lower limits 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amendment 8: review public comments on acceptable biological catch (ABC) control rule and potential localized depletion/user conflict alternatives; take final action 2019-2021 Specifications: progress report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2019-2021 Specifications: final action
Habitat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clam Dredge Framework: select range of alternatives to consider continued surfclam fishery and potential mussel dredge access to Great South Channel Habitat Management Area Offshore Energy: update on activities and consultations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clam Dredge Framework: final action Offshore Energy: update on activities and consultations if needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offshore Energy: update on activities and consultations if needed
Groundfish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Monitoring Amendment 23: potentially select range of alternatives Fishery Dependent Data Working Group: update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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 Monitoring Amendment 23: update Fishery Dependent Data Working Group: final report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framework Adjustment 58: final action Monitoring Amendment 23: update
Sea Scallops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scallop Research Set-Aside (RSA) Program: approve 2019-2020 RSA priorities 2019-2020 Specifications: initial overview of action containing 2019 fishery specifications, 2020 default specs, plus other measures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2019-2020 Specifications: receive progress report, including overview of 2018 surveys 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2019-2020 Specifications: final action
Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management (EBFM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EBFM Strategy Review: panel chair report on the Center for Independent Experts' review Update on EBFM Committee activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Georges Bank example Fishery Ecosystem Plan (eFEP): progress report on development of an eFEP framework for Georges Bank EBFM Roadmap: review and potentially approve Council comments on NOAA's regional implementation plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Georges Bank eFEP: progress report on development of an example Fishery Ecosystem Plan framework for Georges Bank
	Small-Mesh Multispecies (Whiting) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amendment 22: review public comments, take final action on limited access and related measures Annual Monitoring Report: fishing year 2017 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Southern Red Hake: begin development of framework or amendment to rebuild stock
Skates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framework Adjustment 6: final action on measures to prolong length of skate wing fishery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northeast Skate Complex Amendment 5: progress report on development of limited access program Annual Monitoring Report: fishing year 2017 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northeast Skate Complex Amendment 5: progress report
Observer Policy/Industry-Funded Monitoring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Electronic Monitoring (EM): committee comments on NMFS's draft policy directive for allocating costs in EM programs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy and strategic approach to monitoring commercial fisheries: committee update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy and strategic approach to monitoring commercial fisheries: committee update
		Spiny Dogfish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2019-2021 Specifications: final action
	Research Steering <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee report 	
Other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council Program Review: follow-up, next steps Northeast Fisheries Observer Program and Fishing Year 2018 Sea Day Schedule: NEFSC report Regulatory Reform: finalize Council list Research Set-Aside Program Review: update Allocation Review Triggers: overview and discussion Northeast Regional Coordinating Committee Stock Assessment Process: update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SAW/SARC 65 – Benchmark Assessments for Atlantic Herring and Atlantic Sea Scallops: Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) report Fishery Dependent Data Visioning Project: GARFO Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology (SBRM): report on three-year review Allocation Review Triggers: follow-up from June 2019 Council Priorities: initial discussion Council Member Recusals: proposed rule discussion Measuring Effects of Catch Shares: MRAG report Marine Recreational Information Program: NMFS 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research Set-Aside Program Review: possible action on RSA review panel final report compiled by Council/GARFO/NEFSC 2019 Council Priorities: final action