

UNDERLINE: REGULATORY REQUIREMENT						<i>Italics: Not Recommended by Ex Comm</i>				
1/2/2019	Executive Committee Recommendation									
FMP	Annual	Comm.	Executive Committee	Council	Rank	Multi-Year	Comm.	Executive Committee	Council	Rank
Groundfish										
	<u>Set ABCs/ACLs for all groundfish stocks for FY2020-2022 and US/CA stocks for FY 2020</u>	✓	✓	✓	9	Amendment 23/Groundfish Monitoring (including Fishery Data for Stock Assessment Working Group and possible workshops)	✓	✓	✓	1
	Staff: TRAC/TMGC		✓	✓	12	<i>Address SDC issue when analytic assessments fail (changed to multi-year 6/2018)</i>				40
	<i>Explore alternative ways to manage yellowtail flounder for the groundfish and scallop fisheries</i>				18	Consider results of public listening sessions for possible initiation of an amendment to develop a limited access program for the party/charter fishery			✓	67
	Groundfish operational assessments		✓	✓	45	Staff: Cod Stock Structure Workshop		✓	✓	72
	Address commercial/recreational allocation issues if raised by new MRIP data	✓	✓	✓	50					
	<i>Modify the GF control rule for stocks without analytical models – i.e., empirical and index-based</i>				50					
	<i>US/CA Trading Provisions</i>				50					
	<i>Get input on different ways to manage recreational fishery in light of highly variable catch estimates: for example, consideration of catch error estimates under MRIP, and errors in bioeconomic model used to determine measures</i>				53					
	<u>Staff: Sector five-year review</u>		✓	✓	58					
	<i>Evaluate electronic reporting for recreational fishery</i>				60					
	<i>Consider sub-ACL of haddock for the small-mesh multispecies fishery</i>				67					
	Specify allocation review triggers		✓	✓	75					

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	<i>Possible recreational sub-ACL for GB cod</i>				81					
	Modify Council policy on gear standards to facilitate use of gear in AMs.			✓						
Monkfish										
	<u>Monkfish specifications for 2020-2022</u>		✓	✓	8					
Sea Scallops										
	<u>Prepare a specifications package to set FY 2020 (2021 default) specifications (i.e. setting DAS, access area trips, Northern GOM TAC, limited access general category IFQ allocations, etc.).</u>	✓	✓	✓	2	NGOM scallop management measure changes: such as changing opening date, consistent gear restrictions, possession limits, effort controls; LAGC IFQ Trip Limits.	✓	✓	✓	24, 45
	Staff: Support annual scallop RSA process, including priority setting, and technical and management reviews.		✓	✓	18	<i>Scoping/exploratory process for harvester cooperatives</i>				80
	Evaluate rotational management program	✓	✓	✓	32					
	<i>LAGC IFQ Trip Limit Changes</i>	✓			45					
	<i>Adjustments to scallop industry funded observer program (NGOM coverage, etc.)</i>				34					
	<u>NMFS and PDT have new annual responsibilities related to estimating scallop, YT, windowpane catch during the year (i.e. LA AM exception, re-evaluation of YT sub-ACL based on updated information).</u>		✓	✓	34					
	<i>Action to modify scallop access areas to be consistent with OA2 revised management areas</i>	✓			40					
	<i>Evaluate options for harvesting slow growing scallops in Nantucket Light Ship-South Deep</i>	✓			67					
	<i>Measures to address DAS and IFQ carryover</i>				72					
	<i>Gear modifications to protect small scallops (extended link)</i>				75					
	<u>Specify allocation review triggers</u>		✓	✓	77					
	Action to mitigate impacts on yellowtail flounder	✓	✓	✓	NR					

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Herring										
	<u>Specifications for 2020-2021: revise reference points; consider different methods for RH/S catch caps; and potentially other measures</u>	✓	✓	✓	4	Submit A8: ABC control rule and measures to address potential localized depletion and user conflicts	✓	✓	✓	5
	<i>2019 specifications development (if needed)</i>	✓			16	Consider spawning closures on Georges Bank: staff to work with ASMFC staff to identify possible time/area closures		✓	✓	NR
	Staff: Coordination with MAFMC, ASMFC on various herring issues (RH/S, etc.)		✓	✓	45					
	Workshop to solicit feedback on MSE process	✓	✓	✓	74					
	<i>Consider increase in herring incidental possession limit in the range of 2,000-40,000 pounds</i>				77					
Spiny Dogfish										
	Support MAFMC action to consider trip limit changes			✓						
SBRM										
	<i>No Action Planned</i>									
Red Crab										
	<u>Specifications for 2020-2023</u>		✓	✓	40					
Habitat										
	Complete framework action to address surfclam access to HMAs	✓	✓	✓	12					
	Develop habitat and fishery related comments on non-fishing activities, in consultation with other agencies, (including BOEM)	✓	✓	✓	12					
	<i>NEFMC-MAFMC Workshop on offshore wind fisheries issues</i>	✓			16					

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	Develop Council policies on additional non-fishing activities (offshore energy policies adopted 2018)	✓	✓	✓	18					
	Brief HC and Council on 2017-18 updates to SASI model and identify next steps	✓	✓	✓	34					
	<u>Staff: Habitat impacts of other management actions</u>	✓	✓	✓	40					
	<i>Initiate action to revise habitat management areas on Northern Edge of Georges Bank</i>	✓			60					
	Staff: SBNMS advisory panel and ASMFC habitat committee	✓	✓	✓	67					
Research Steering										
	<i>Continue to steer research to support NEFMC plans</i>				18					
	<i>Improve RSC priority process</i>				34					
SSC										
	<u>Support Council activities such as recommending ABCs and making recommendations in the FMP development process</u>		✓	✓	5					
	<i>Understand and resolve poor assessment model performance (primarily groundfish assessments)</i>				18					
	Develop consistent guidelines for application of Plan B approaches		✓	✓	24					
	<i>Consider modifications to groundfish ABC control rules (see Groundfish)</i>				58					
Enforcement, Safety, VMS										
	Continue to support enforcement, safety and VMS issues.		✓	✓	24					
Whiting										

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	Submit final preferred alternatives with FEIS for Amendment 22, limited entry		✓		24					
	<u>Address overfished condition/develop rebuilding plan for southern red hake; modify northern red hake AM</u>		✓	✓	9, 32					
	Investigates sources of bycatch and adopt avoidance mechanisms in the small-mesh multispecies fishery			✓	NR					
	<i>AM for small-mesh multispecies catches of haddock (if sub-ACL adopted)</i>				45					
	<i>Consider whiting exemption area adjustments</i>				63					
	<u>Staff: PDT receives annual monitoring report from Regional Office and advises Council whether management adjustments are needed</u>		✓	✓	67					
Skates										
	<u>Skate specifications for 2020-2021</u>		✓	✓	2	Prepare an amendment to consider limited access in the skate fishery		✓	✓	53
	<u>Staff: Annual skate monitoring report</u>		✓	✓	53					
EBFM										
	<i>Support EBFM activities (WGNARS, SOE, etc.)</i>				77	Complete example Fishery Ecosystem Plan for Georges Bank and develop a Management Strategy Evaluation process to engage fishermen and other stakeholders while conducting testing and validation.		✓	✓	45
Observer Committee										
	<i>Study issue of full retention/no discards.</i>				34	Develop a policy and strategic approach to monitor commercial fisheries to address multiple information needs		✓	✓	5
	Policy and procedures for NEFOP "no sail" list; appropriate observer protocols		✓	✓	24,40					
Risk Policy Working Group										

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	<i>Review implementation of Council Risk Policy</i>				63					
Trawl Survey AP										
	Address issues identified in AP charter		✓	✓	24					
Other										
	Participate on Large Whale and Harbor Porpoise Take Reduction Teams		✓	✓	9	<i>Fishery dependent data projects: FMAT to begin development of omnibus amendment</i>				60
	International Fisheries Management TMGC/TRAC/Steering Committee ICCAT HMS Advisory Panel/HMS FMP NAFO Commissioner		✓	✓	12	<i>Preliminary work on aquaculture FMP</i>				82
	Adopt additional measures for fisheries if required by Northern Right Whale Biological Opinion		✓	✓	23					
	NRCC Working Group Participation		✓	✓	24					
	Complete review of RSA programs in sea scallops, monkfish, and herring FMPs		✓	✓	24					
	Participate in MAFMC eVTR action			✓	NR					
	Staff: Support S-K program		✓	✓	39					
	Staff: Protected Species issues		✓	✓	53					
	<i>Consider creation of a Recreational Committee</i>				53					
	Review and implement Program Review recommendations		✓	✓	63					
	<i>Dialogue meeting between Council, industry, and scientists</i>				63					