

2021 NRCC Stock Assessment Schedule

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	Species/Topic	Stock Area	Management Organization(s)
July (usually March) Research Track	Haddock	Gulf of Maine, Georges Bank, Eastern Georges Bank	NEFMC
June Management Track	Atlantic mackerel		MAFMC
	Black sea bass		MAFMC/ASMFC
	Bluefish		MAFMC/ASMFC
	Golden tilefish		MAFMC
	Scup		MAFMC/ASMFC
	Summer flounder		MAFMC/ASMFC
July Joint US/Canada Assessments Transboundary Resources Assessment Committee	Atlantic cod	Eastern Georges Bank	NEFMC
	Haddock	Eastern Georges Bank	NEFMC
	Yellowtail flounder	Georges Bank	NEFMC
September Management Track	Atlantic cod	Georges Bank	NEFMC
	Atlantic cod	Gulf of Maine	NEFMC
	Haddock	Georges Bank	NEFMC
	Haddock	Gulf of Maine	NEFMC
November Research Track	Butterfish and Northern shortfin squid		MAFMC

* Stock assessments denoted with an asterisk are conducted by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. All other assessments are conducted by the Northeast Fisheries Science Center.

Appendix: Stock Assessment Type Definitions

Management Track Assessments

Management track assessments provide routine, scheduled, and updated advice to directly inform management actions. These assessments are designed to be:

- Simple, quick, efficient, and flexible: and
- Able to incorporate new information on a regular cycle.

Management track assessments ensure that stock status is updated on a regular and predictable basis.

Research Track Assessments

Research track assessments are complex scientific efforts that are designed to be carried out over several years. They can:

- Focus on research topics or on one or more individual stocks:
- Evaluate an issue or new model that could apply to many stocks: and/or
- Consider extensive changes in data, model, or stock structure.

Research assessments can provide the basis for future management assessments.