



# New England Fishery Management Council

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## Climate Change Scenario Planning: Scenario Creation Phase; Apply by April 18 to Participate in Two-and-a-Half-Day Workshop

East Coast fishery management bodies are currently engaging in a [Climate Change Scenario Planning](#) initiative to explore governance and management issues related to climate change and fishery stock distributions.

The next phase of this work centers around a two-and-a-half-day Scenario Creation workshop to be held June 21-23, 2022 in the Washington D.C. metro area. Anyone interested in participating should fill out the [application form](#) by April 18, 2022. Here are the workshop details.

### Workshop Overview

Through a series of conversations and exercises, participants will create a set of scenarios that describe how climate change might affect East Coast fisheries in the next 20 years. Each scenario will describe a different way in which changing oceanographic, biological, and social/economic conditions could combine to create future challenges and opportunities for East Coast fisheries.

### Workshop Participants

About 75 applicants will be invited to attend the workshop. Workshop participants will include a mix of commercial and recreational fishery members, commercial and recreational support services, environmental non-governmental organizations (NGOs), scientists, fishery managers, other ocean users, and interested parties. All travel and accommodation costs – pursuant to approved travel guidelines – will be covered for invited participants. Attendees must be available to attend in-person in the Washington, D.C. area

### East Coast Climate Change Scenario Planning Resources

- [East Coast Climate Change Scenario Planning: Summary of Scoping Phase](#)
- **Four Introductory Videos Are Available [HERE](#):**
  - Introduction to East Coast Climate Change Scenario Planning
  - Introduction to Scenario Planning
  - Initiative Details
  - Process and Participants
- [Introductory Brochure](#)



*The East Coast Climate Change Scenario Planning initiative has been through three phases to date: orientation, scoping, and exploration. The creation phase is now underway.*



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during the June 21-23, 2022 workshop dates. For those who are not selected or are unable to attend in person, an opportunity will be provided to listen to and participate in portions of the workshop proceedings (excluding breakout group sessions) via a live webinar. Additional webinars will be scheduled in July and August to allow all interested parties to add details to the scenarios.

## How to Apply

Interested individuals should complete the [Scenario Creation Workshop Application](#) by 11:59 p.m. on April 18, 2022. The scenario planning core team – the planning body for this initiative – will review applications and recommend a suitable, diverse group of participants to attend the workshop.

Final selection decisions will be made by leadership from the New England, Mid-Atlantic, and South Atlantic Fishery Management Councils, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, and NOAA Fisheries. Invited attendees will be notified in early May 2022.

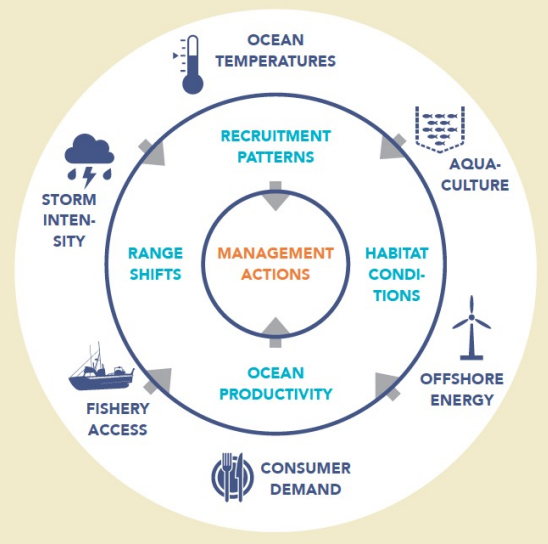
➤ **QUESTIONS?** Contact a [core team](#) member.

## The Initiative in a Nutshell

*Climate change is a growing threat for marine fisheries worldwide. On the East coast of the United States, some species have already experienced considerable climate-related changes in distribution, abundance, and/or productivity. These changes have the potential to strain fisheries management and governance systems. Through the East Coast Climate Change Scenario Planning Initiative, fishery scientists and managers are working collaboratively and engaging diverse fishery stakeholders to explore jurisdictional and governance issues related to alterations in fishery stock distributions in an era of climate change.*

~ The organizations below are participants in this initiative. ~

## Potential Factors That Could Shape East Coast Fishing by 2040



Breakout sessions will be part of the June 2022 workshop program to facilitate the creation of scenarios that describe how climate change might affect East Coast fisheries in the next 20 years.



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