

**New England Fishery Management Council Meeting Agenda – Revised\***  
**Tuesday, October 27, 2020**  
**[By Webinar](#)**

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**12:30 p.m. Introductions and Announcements** (Chairman Dr. John Quinn)

**12:40 Abbreviated Reports on Recent Activities**

Council Chairman, Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (GARFO) Regional Administrator, and Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC)

**1:00 2021 Council Priorities and Response to Executive Order 13921** (Executive Director Tom Nies)

Discuss and approve final 2021 Council Priorities; identify and approve list of actions responding to the May 7, 2020 Executive Order 13921, Promoting American Seafood Competitiveness and Economic Growth

**4:45 Other Business\***

Consider a change to 2020 groundfish priorities that, within Framework Adjustment 61, would: (1) add a universal sector exemption allowing fishing for redfish, and (2) remove investigating ways to increase Georges Bank haddock utilization; discuss other business as needed

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