

New England Fishery Management Council

Three Meeting Outlook – April through September 2019

(Last updated April 3, 2019 and subject to change pending new information)

April 16-18, 2019 Mystic, CT	June 11-13, 2019 South Portland, ME	September 24-26, 2019 Gloucester, MA
Atlantic Herring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framework 6: progress report on action containing 2019-2021 specifications and additional management measures if needed; approve Scientific and Statistical Committee's (SSC) overfishing limit (OFL) and acceptable biological catch (ABC) recommendations for 2019-2021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framework 6: final action on 2019-2021 specifications and other measures if needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Georges Bank Spawning: presentation on draft Discussion Document Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) Review: update
Habitat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offshore Energy: morning-long special session on offshore wind in the Northeast region 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offshore Energy: update on activities and consultations if needed 2019 Priorities: update on habitat-related work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offshore Energy: update on activities and consultations if needed 2019 Priorities: update on habitat work
Groundfish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring Amendment 23: approve range of alternative Party/Charter Limited Entry: update on status of listening sessions Five-Year Catch Share Review: update Gear Standards Policy: approve modified Council policy on gear standards to facilitate use of gear in accountability measures (AMs) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framework 59: initiate action to include (1) 2020 total allowable catches (TACs) for US/Canada stocks of Eastern Georges Bank (GB) cod, Eastern GB haddock, and GB yellowtail flounder, (2) 2020-2022 specifications for all stocks, and (3) other measures Monitoring Amendment 23: receive SSC report on groundfish monitoring issues; select preliminary preferred alternatives and approve Draft Environmental Impact Statement Five-Year Catch Share Review: update Party/Charter Limited Entry: receive summary of input from listening sessions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framework Adjustment 59: (1) approve framework's range of alternatives; (2) receive TMGC's total allowable catch (TAC) recommendations for U.S./Canada stocks; (3) receive SSC's 2020-2021 Georges Bank yellowtail flounder OFL and ABC recommendations Monitoring Amendment 23: final action Five-Year Catch Share Review: update Party/Charter Limited Entry: update
	Sea Scallops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scallop Research Set-Aside (RSA) Program: approve 2020-2021 RSA priorities 2020-2021 Specifications: Initial overview of action containing 2020 fishery specifications, 2021 default specs, plus other measures Amendment 21: Review scoping comments for action to address (1) Northern Gulf of Maine (NGOM) Management Area issues, (2) Limited Access General Category (LAGC) possession limit, and (3) IFQ transfers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2020-2021 Specifications: progress report, including overview of 2018 surveys Amendment 21: progress report
Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management (EBFM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Georges Bank example Fishery Ecosystem Plan (eFEP): progress report on setting catch limits for stock complexes, managing overfished stocks, and more 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Georges Bank eFEP: progress report Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE): update on initial planning 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Georges Bank eFEP: draft report Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE): steering committee recommendations on strategies to solicit input on ecosystem management
	Small-Mesh Multispecies (Whiting) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Southern Red Hake: identify potential measures to rebuild stock; initiate action Bycatch: review preliminary analysis of bycatch in the small-mesh multispecies fishery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Monitoring Report: receive report on 2018 fishing year
	Skates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2020-2021 Specifications: initiate action Northeast Skate Complex Amendment 5: progress report on development of limited access program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2020-2021 Specifications: update
	Monkfish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2020-2022 Specifications: initiate action 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2020-2022 Specifications: update
	Observer Policy/Industry-Funded Monitoring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy and strategic approach to monitoring commercial fisheries: committee update 	
Other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ecosystem Status Report: NEFSC Council Research Priorities: approve updates Council Operations Handbook: research updates RSA Program Review: final report Atlantic Salmon Recovery Plan: NOAA Fisheries Atlantic Large Whale TRT: GARFO presentation SAFMC Dolphin/Wahoo Amendment 10: update Commercial eVTRs for Mid-Atlantic FMPs: MAFMC Staff Offsite Workshop: report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ALWTRT: GARFO presentation April meeting results Addressing Recreational Fishing Issues: Council discussion GARFO/NEFSC Joint Regional Strategic Plan: GARFO presentation HMS Advisory Panel: report on May 21-23 meeting Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary: report Modern Fish Act: briefing on components and requirements of the act 	