

New England Fishery Management Council

Three Meeting Outlook – September 2018 through January 2019

(Last updated August 9, 2018 and subject to change pending new information)

September 24-27, 2018 Plymouth, MA	December 4-6, 2018 Newport, RI	January 29-31, 2019 Portsmouth, NH
Atlantic Herring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amendment 8: review public comments on ABC control rule and potential localized depletion/user conflict alternatives; take final action 2019-2021 Specifications: progress report; discuss potential NMFS action for 2019 if needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2019-2021 Specifications: final action 	
Habitat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clam Dredge Framework: select range of alternatives to consider continued surfclam fishery and potential mussel dredge access to Great South Channel Habitat Management Area Offshore Energy: update on activities and consultations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clam Dredge Framework: final action Offshore Energy: update on activities and consultations if needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offshore Energy: update on activities and consultations if needed
Groundfish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framework Adjustment 58: (1) approve framework's range of alternatives; (2) receive TMGC's total allowable catch (TAC) recommendations for U.S./Canada stocks of Eastern Georges Bank (GB) cod, Eastern GB haddock, and GB yellowtail flounder; (3) receive Scientific and Statistical Committee's (SSC) 2019-2020 Georges Bank yellowtail flounder overfishing limit (OFL) and acceptable biological catch (ABC) recommendations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framework Adjustment 58: final action on framework to include (1) 2019 TACs for U.S./Canada stocks; (2) rebuilding plans for several groundfish stocks; (3) minimum size exemptions for vessels fishing in NAFO waters; (4) guidance on sector overages Monitoring Amendment 23: update Fishery Dependent Data Working Group: final report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recreational Measures: provide recommendations to Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (GARFO) on fishing year 2019 recreational measures for Gulf of Maine cod and haddock and Georges Bank cod Monitoring Amendment 23: approve range of alternatives
Sea Scallops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framework Adjustment 30: receive (1) update on action to set 2019 specifications, 2020 default specs, and standard default measures; and (2) overview of 2018 surveys General Category Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Fishery Component: receive update on IFQ trip limit analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framework Adjustment 30: final action 	
Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management (EBFM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EBFM Strategy Review: receive final CIE report Georges Bank example Fishery Ecosystem Plan (eFEP): progress report on development of an eFEP framework for Georges Bank EBFM Roadmap: review and potentially approve comments on NOAA's regional implementation plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Georges Bank eFEP: progress report on development of an example Fishery Ecosystem Plan framework for Georges Bank 	
Small-Mesh Multispecies (Whiting) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amendment 22: review public comments, take final action on limited access and related measures Annual Monitoring Report: fishing year 2017 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Southern Red Hake: begin development of framework or amendment to rebuild stock 	
Skates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Monitoring Report: fishing year 2017 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northeast Skate Complex Amendment 5: progress report on development of limited access program
		Observer Policy/Industry-Funded Monitoring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Policy and strategic approach to monitoring commercial fisheries: committee update
	Spiny Dogfish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2019-2021 Specifications: final action 	
Research Steering <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee report 		
Other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SAW/SARC 65 – Benchmark Assessments for Atlantic Herring and Atlantic Sea Scallops: Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) Allocation Review Triggers: follow-up from June 2019 Council Priorities: initial discussion Marine Recreational Information Program: NMFS Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Advisory Panel: report North Atlantic Shortfin Mako Sharks: NMFS HMS Amendment 11 presentation/consultation Northeast Trawl Advisory Panel: report RSA Program Review: provide Council input for RSA review panel report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research Set-Aside (RSA) Program Review: possible action on RSA review panel final report compiled by Council/GARFO/NEFSC 2019 Council Priorities: final action Council Member Recusals: proposed rule discussion Fishery Dependent Data Visioning Project: GARFO Measuring Effects of Catch Shares: MRAG overview/demonstrations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology (SBRM): report on three-year review