

New England Fishery Management Council

Three Meeting Outlook – January through June 2019

(Last updated December 17, 2018 and subject to change pending new information)

January 29-31, 2019 Portsmouth, NH	April 16-18, 2019 Mystic, CT	June 11-13, 2019 Portland, ME
Atlantic Herring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2020-2021 Specifications: progress report; potentially approve Scientific and Statistical Committee’s ABC and OFL recommendations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2020-2021 Specifications: progress report 2020-2021 Management Measures: identify range of additional management measures for 2020-2021 fishing years if needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2020-2021 Specifications: final action
Habitat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offshore Energy: update on activities and consultations if needed 2019 Priorities: update on other habitat-related work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offshore Energy: update on activities and consultations if needed 2019 Priorities: update on other habitat-related work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offshore Energy: update on activities and consultations if needed 2019 Priorities: update on other habitat-related work
Groundfish <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: short update Fishery Data for Stock Assessment Working Group: final report Consultation: Provide GARFO with recommendation on approval of new groundfish sector 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring Amendment 23: approve range of alternative 	<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) other measures
Sea Scallops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2019 Priorities: progress report on work to date Amendment 21: review and approve scoping notice for action to address Northern Gulf of Maine (NGOM) Management Area and Limited Access General Category (LAGC) trip limit issues 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2019 Priorities: progress report on work to date 	<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 and approve range of issues
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 Council Discussion: Develop recommendations on (1) furthering the development of the eFEP; and (2) a procedure to develop and evaluate management strategies using operating models 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Georges Bank eFEP: progress report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Georges Bank eFEP: progress report
	Small-Mesh Multispecies (Whiting) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Southern Red Hake: discuss rebuilding potential and issues Bycatch: review preliminary analysis of bycatch in the small-mesh multispecies fishery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Southern Red Hake: identify potential measures to rebuild stock
	Skates <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
Other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed Session: Council discussion on Scientific and Statistical Committee appointments Research Set-Aside (RSA) Program Review: final report Allocation Review Triggers: follow-up from September Council Member Recusals, Financial Disclosures: proposed rule discussion; develop comments Decision-Making Under Uncertainty: presentation and Council discussion Addressing Recreational Fishing Issues: Council discussion New England Recreational Fishing Workshops: GARFO report Northeast Trawl Advisory Panel: report on Dec. 17 meeting International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT): NMFS report on 2018 meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ecosystem Status Report: Northeast Fisheries Science Center Council Research Priorities: update Council Research Policy: approve update to text in Operations Handbook 	