

New England Fishery Management Council

Three Meeting Outlook – January through June 2021

(Last updated January 4, 2021 and subject to change pending new information)

January 26-28, 2021 By Webinar	April 13-15, 2021 Mystic, CT	June 22-24, 2021 South Portland, ME
	Atlantic Herring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framework Adjustment 7: update on action to protect spawning herring on Georges Bank Rebuilding Plan: update on action to address overfished status of the resource Accountability Measures: update on work to review and potentially adjust herring AMs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framework Adjustment 7: potential final action to protect spawning herring on Georges Bank Rebuilding Plan: update on action to address overfished status of the resource Accountability Measures (AMs): update on work to review and potentially adjust herring AMs
Habitat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offshore Energy and Habitat-Related Work: update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offshore Energy and Habitat Work: update Habitat Management Areas (HMAs): progress report on assessing possibility of revising HMA on Northern Edge of Georges Bank 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offshore Energy and Habitat-Related Work: update
Groundfish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framework 61: final action on universal sector exemption to allow fishing for redfish Recreational Measures: provide recommendations to Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (GARFO) on fishing year 2021 recreational measures for Gulf of Maine cod and Gulf of Maine haddock Recreational Party/Charter Limited Entry: presentation on template comments and strawman proposal; discuss next steps ABC Control Rules: update on revising ABC control rules for groundfish stocks Cod Stock Structure Working Groups: update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recreational Party/Charter Limited Entry: Council decision on whether to initiate an amendment ABC Control Rules: report on revising ABC control rules for groundfish stocks and peer review summary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framework 62: initiate action to include (1) 2022 total allowable catches (TACs) for US/Canada shared resources of Eastern Georges Bank (GB) cod, Eastern GB haddock, and GB yellowtail flounder; (2) 2022-2024 specifications for GB cod, Gulf of Maine (GOM) cod, GB haddock, and GOM haddock; (3) 2022-2023 specifications for GB yellowtail flounder and 2022 specs for white hake; and (4) other measures Metrics for Amendment 23 Monitoring System Review: initial discussion on developing metrics for use in review process to evaluate groundfish monitoring system
Sea Scallops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framework 33: final action on 2021 fishery specifications, 2022 default specs, other measures Priorities: possibly discuss adding listening sessions for limited access leasing program to 2021 priorities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on ongoing scallop actions and priorities, including Scallop Survey Strategy Working Group 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scallop Research Set-Aside (RSA) Program: approve 2022-2023 RSA priorities Framework 34: initiate action for 2022 fishery specifications, 2023 default specs, other measures
Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EBFM Educational Workshops: Progress report on informational workshops using public outreach materials and focusing on potential application to a Georges Bank example Fishery Ecosystem Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EBFM Educational Workshops: Progress report on informational workshops using public outreach materials and focusing on potential application to a Georges Bank example Fishery Ecosystem Plan (eFEP) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EBFM Educational Workshops: Progress report on informational workshops using public outreach materials and focusing on potential application to a Georges Bank example Fishery Ecosystem Plan (eFEP)
Small-Mesh Multispecies (Whiting) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2021-2023 Specifications: final action Whiting Priorities: discuss adding a 2021 priority to (1) analyze factors for why the northern whiting fishery is not achieving OY; and (2) recommend measures to allow greater resource utilization 		
	Skates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northeast Skate Complex Amendment 5: review scoping comments; identify next steps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northeast Skate Complex Amendment 5: progress report 2022-2023 Specifications: update
	Monkfish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on next steps based on report for evaluating methods to estimate discards in TAL calculations 	
Other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed Session: Council discussion on SSC appointments Index-Based Methods and Control Rules Research Track Peer Review: NEFSC report Fishery Monitoring and Research Division: NEFSC report Cost Surveys for Commercial Fisheries: NEFSC presentation and overview North Atlantic Right Whales: GARFO presentation on Take Reduction Plan (TRP) Draft DEIS, TRP proposed rule, and draft Biological Opinion; Council discussion/comments Northeast Trawl Advisory Panel (NTAP): report Highly Migratory Species Advisory Panel: report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State of the Ecosystem 2021: NEFSC report Atlantic Sea Scallop Biological Opinion – ESA Consultation Reinitiated: GARFO report Congressional Update: David Whaley NRCC East Coast Climate Change Scenario Planning Initiative: update Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary: NOAA report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council Research Priorities: approve 2021-2025 list