

New England Fishery Management Council

Three Meeting Outlook – June through December 2021

(Last updated June 2, 2021 and subject to change pending new information)

June 22-24, 2021 By Webinar	September 28-30, 2021 Plymouth, MA	December 7-9, 2021 Newport, RI
Atlantic Herring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framework Adjustment 9: update on alternatives to (1) address overfished status of the resource; and (2) adjust herring accountability measures (AMs) Framework Adjustment 7: update on action to protect adult spawning herring on Georges Bank 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framework Adjustment 9: final action on measures to (1) address overfished status of the resource; and (2) adjust herring accountability measures (AMs) Framework Adjustment 7: update on action to protect adult spawning herring on Georges Bank 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framework Adjustment 7: potential final action to protect adult spawning herring on Georges Bank
Habitat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offshore Energy: Council update on floating wind and the Council's Policy on Wind Energy Offshore Wind: GARFO, NEFSC, and BOEM updates on offshore wind-related actions Habitat-Related Work: Council update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offshore Energy and Habitat-Related Work: update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Habitat Management Areas (HMAs): recommend whether to initiate action to revise HMA on Northern Edge of Georges Bank Offshore Energy and Habitat-Related Work: update
Groundfish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framework 63: initiate action to include (1) 2022 total allowable catches (TACs) for U.S./Canada shared resources on Georges Bank (GB); (2) 2022-2024 specifications for GB cod, Gulf of Maine (GOM) cod, GB haddock, and GOM haddock; (3) 2022-2023 specifications for GB yellowtail and 2022 specifications for white hake; and (4) other measures Cod Stock Structure Working Groups: progress report ABC Control Rules: report on revising acceptable biological catch (ABC) control rules for groundfish stocks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TRAC: receive report on U.S./Canada shared resources of Eastern GB cod, Eastern GB haddock, and GB yellowtail flounder Framework 63: (1) progress report on alternatives listed at right; and (2) receive SSC's 2022-2023 Georges Bank yellowtail flounder OFL and ABC recommendations Metrics for Amendment 23 Monitoring System Review: initial discussion on developing metrics for review process to evaluate groundfish monitoring system Cod Stock Structure Working Groups (CSSWGs): consider measures that can be adopted regardless of assessment outcomes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TMGC: receive and approve TMGC's TAC recommendations for U.S./Canada stocks Framework 63: final action on the framework, which includes (1) 2022 TACs for U.S./Canada shared resources on Georges Bank; (2) 2022-2024 specs for GB cod, GOM cod, GB haddock, and GOM haddock; (3) 2022-2023 specifications for GB yellowtail and 2022 specs for white hake; and (4) other measures Metrics for Amendment 23 Monitoring System Review: progress report on developing metrics for review process to evaluate groundfish monitoring system CSSWG: receive report from workshops
Sea Scallops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Atlantic Sea Scallop Biological Opinion: GARFO update Scallop Research Set-Aside (RSA) Program: approve 2022-2023 RSA priorities Framework 34: initiate action for 2022 fishery specifications, 2023 default specs, other measures Rotational Management Program Evaluation: update Leasing Petition: review Scallopers Campaign letter to NMFS requesting secretarial action to implement a scallop leasing program; approve Council response 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framework 34: preliminary overview of 2021 surveys; progress report on measures under development Scallop Survey Working Group (SSWG): update on SSWG and other 2021 scallop priorities Rotational Management Program Evaluation: update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framework 34: final action on 2022 fishery specifications, 2023 default specs, and other measures Scallop Survey Working Group (SSWG): update on SSWG and other 2021 scallop priorities
Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management EBFM Educational Workshops: approve plan for informational workshops using public outreach materials, focusing on potential application to a Georges Bank eFEP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EBFM Educational Workshops: progress report on informational workshops using public outreach materials, focusing on potential application to a Georges Bank eFEP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EBFM Educational Workshops: progress report on workshops using public outreach materials, focusing on potential application to a Georges Bank eFEP
	Small-Mesh Multispecies (Whiting) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Monitoring Report: presentation of report with 2020 fishing year catch accounting 	
Skates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2022-2023 Specifications: update Amendment 5: update Control Date: consider updating control dates for skate wing and skate bait fisheries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2022-2023 Specifications: final action Amendment 5: update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amendment 5: 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"> Council Research Priorities: approve 2021-2025 list Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary: NOAA HMS Amendment 13: NMFS presentation HMS AP and ICCAT Advisory Committee: reports Northeast Trawl Advisory Panel: short update Conserving and Restoring America the Beautiful: NOAA Fisheries briefing; new CCC subcommittee Southeast For-Hire Electronic Monitoring: comment EM Procedural Directive Financial Disclosures, Recusals Directive, Guidance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Election of Officers 2022 Council Priorities: initial discussion June 2021 Management Track Stock Assessments Peer Review: NEFSC report SSC Social Science Subpanel Review of Groundfish FW 59, Scallop FW 32: report North Atlantic Right Whales: GARFO update on ALWTRP final rule and other whale issues NAFO, NTAP, Stellwagen Bank NMS: reports NS 1 Draft Tech Memo on ACLs for data-limited stocks: approve Council comments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2022 Council Priorities: final action September 2021 Management Track Stock Assessments Peer Review: NEFSC report ICCAT: report on Nov. 15-22 meeting NOAA Guidance to Councils on Financial Disclosures and Recusals