

New England Fishery Management Council

Three Meeting Outlook – April through September 2020

(Last updated March 19, 2020 and subject to change pending new information)

April 14-15, 2020 By Webinar	June 23-25, 2020 Freeport, ME	September 29-October 1, 2020 Gloucester, MA
Atlantic Herring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framework Adjustment 7: update on action to protect spawning herring on Georges Bank Framework Adjustment 8: update NEFMC/ASMFC Authority on Herring Management: Council discussion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framework Adjustment 7: update on action to protect spawning herring on Georges Bank Framework Adjustment 8: update on action for 2021-2023 specifications; consider adjusting herring measures that potentially inhibit mackerel fishery from achieving OY 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framework Adjustment 7: update on action to protect spawning herring on Georges Bank Framework Adjustment 8: final action for 2021-2023 specifications and possible adjustments to herring measures that potentially inhibit mackerel fishery from achieving OY
	Habitat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offshore Energy: update Habitat-Related Work: update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offshore Energy: update Habitat-Related Work: update
Groundfish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Groundfish Catch Share Program Review: final report Groundfish Monitoring Amendment 23: public hearing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring Amendment 23: final action Atlantic Cod Stock Structure Working Group: working group report and results of SSC sub-panel peer review Framework 61: initiate action to include (1) 2021 total allowable catches (TACs) for US/Canada stocks of Eastern Georges Bank (GB) cod, Eastern GB haddock, and GB yellowtail flounder, (2) 2021-2023 specifications for roughly half of the groundfish stocks, and (3) other measures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framework 61: (1) receive progress report on range of alternatives; (2) receive and approve TMGC's TAC recommendations for U.S./Canada stocks; (3) receive SSC's 2021-2022 Georges Bank yellowtail flounder OFL and ABC recommendations
Sea Scallops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amendment 21: approve range of alternatives on 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"> Amendment 21: approve Draft EIS for public hearings; select preferred alternatives Scallop Research Set-Aside (RSA) Program: approve 2021-2022 RSA priorities 2021-2022 Specifications: initial overview of action containing 2021 fishery specifications, 2022 default specs, plus other measures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2021-2022 Specifications: overview of 2020 surveys and progress report on action containing 2021 fishery specifications, 2022 default specs, plus other measures
Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management (EBFM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Georges Bank example Fishery Ecosystem Plan (eFEP): progress report on stakeholder engagement/public information workshops focusing on EBFM and the approach used for the Council's eFEP for Georges Bank 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Georges Bank example Fishery Ecosystem Plan (eFEP): (1) progress report on stakeholder engagement, presentation of draft public outreach materials; (2) Plan Development Team progress report on more tangible eFEP worked example 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Georges Bank example Fishery Ecosystem Plan (eFEP): progress report on outreach workshop development and format
Small-Mesh Multispecies (Whiting) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Southern Red Hake: update on action to rebuild stock 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Southern Red Hake: final action on measures to rebuild stock 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2021-2023 Specifications: initiate action
	Skates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northeast Skate Complex Amendment 5: update on Committee actions and Council discussion on whether to pursue development of limited access program 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual Monitoring Report: fishing year 2019
	Monkfish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update 	
Other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State of the Ecosystem 2020 Report: Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) Red Hake Research Track Assessment: NEFSC Recreational eVTRs: initiate action Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary: NOAA update and overview of sanctuary Condition Report Atlantic Sea Scallop Biological Opinion – ESA Consultation Reinitiated: GARFO Right Whale Management Update on ALWTRT, Biological Opinion, and Timeline: GARFO briefing Northeast Trawl Advisory Panel (NTAP): report ICCAT Advisory Committee: report on March 10-11 meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northeast Fisheries Observer Program and Cooperative Research Branch: NEFSC updates NROC/RODA Collaborative Effort to Update Commercial Fisheries Data on Portals: progress report GARFO/NEFSC Joint Strategic Plan: GARFO final report Council Research Priorities: approve 2020-2024 list Northeast Trawl Advisory Panel Update: NEFSC Recreational eVTRs: final action 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report on Spring 2020 Management Track Assessment Peer Review (Atlantic herring, Atlantic mackerel, surfclams, ocean quahogs, butterfish, and longfin squid): NEFSC NROC/RODA Collaborative Effort to Update Commercial Fisheries Data on Portals: final report