# New England Fishery Management Council

## Three Meeting Outlook – April through September 2020

(Last updated March 2, 2020 and subject to change pending new information)

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### Atlantic Herring
- **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

### Habitat
- **Offshore Energy**: update
- **Habitat-Related Work**: update

### Groundfish
- **Groundfish Catch Share Program Review**: final report
- **Groundfish Catch Share Program Review**: 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

### Sea Scallops
- **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
- **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

### Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management (EBFM)
- **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
- **Georges Bank example Fishery Ecosystem Plan (eFEP)**: progress report on outreach workshop development and format

### Small-Mesh Multispecies (Whiting)
- **Southern Red Hake**: update on action to rebuild stock
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- **2021-2023 Specifications**: initiate action

### Skates
- **Northeast Skate Complex Amendment 5**: update on development of limited access program
- **Northeast Skate Complex Amendment 5**: potential update on development of limited access program
- **Annual Monitoring Report**: fishing year 2019

### Monkfish
- **Update**

### Other
- **Ecosystem Status Report**: Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC)
- **Red Hake Research Track Assessment**: NEFSC
- **GARFO/NEFSC Joint Strategic Plan**: GARFO final report
- **Recreational eVTRs**: initiate action
- **NROC/RODA Collaborative Effort to Update Commercial Fisheries Data on Portals**: progress report
- **Council Research Priorities**: Approve 2020-2024 list
- **Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary**: NOAA
- **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
- **Northeast Fisheries Observer Program and Cooperative Research Branch**: NEFSC updates
- **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

### Amendments
- **Amendment 5**: update based on working group report and results of SSC sub-panel peer review
- **Amendment 21**: update on action containing 2021 fishery specifications, 2022 default specs, plus other measures
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