

New England Fishery Management Council

Three Meeting Outlook – December 2018 through April 2019

(Last updated November 15, 2018 and subject to change pending new information)

December 4-6, 2018 Newport, RI	January 29-31, 2019 Portsmouth, NH	April 16-18, 2019 Mystic, CT
Atlantic Herring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2019 Specifications: if available, review and comment on National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) proposed rule for in-season action to set 2019 catch limits and other specifications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2020-2021 Specifications: progress report; approve Scientific and Statistical Committee's ABC and OFL recommendations 2020-2021 Management Measures: identify range of additional management measures for 2020-2021 fishing years if needed 	
Habitat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clam Dredge Framework: final action on alternatives to consider continued surfclam fishery and potential mussel dredge access to Great South Channel HMA Offshore Energy: update on activities and consultations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offshore Energy: update on activities and consultations if needed 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offshore Energy: update on activities and consultations if needed
Groundfish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framework Adjustment 58: final action on framework to include (1) 2019 TACs for U.S./Canada stocks; (2) rebuilding plans for several groundfish stocks; (3) minimum size exemptions for vessels fishing in NAFO waters; (4) extension of scallop fishery's temporary measure for triggering Georges Bank yellowtail flounder accountability measures (AMs) Monitoring Amendment 23: update Fishery Dependent Data Working Group: short report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring Amendment 23: approve range of alternatives 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 Fishery Dependent Data Working Group: final report 	
Sea Scallops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framework Adjustment 30: final action to set 2019 specifications, 2020 default specs, and standard default measures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scallop 2019 Priorities: progress report on work to date 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scallop 2019 Priorities: progress report on work to date
Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management (EBFM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Georges Bank example Fishery Ecosystem Plan (eFEP): progress report on development of eFEP framework; Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE): brief introduction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Georges Bank eFEP: progress report on setting catch limits for stock complexes, managing overfished stocks, and more Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE): presentation on use of MSE in fishery management; overview of process for EBFM 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Georges Bank eFEP: presentation on draft eFEP Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE): steering committee report
Small-Mesh Multispecies (Whiting) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amendment 22: final action on limited access and related measures 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Southern Red Hake: progress report on 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
Spiny Dogfish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2019-2021 Specifications: final action 		
Enforcement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee report 		
Other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2019 Council Priorities: final action S-K Program Overview: NMFS presentation RSA Program Review: progress report NRCC Revised Stock Assessment Process: report Fishery Dependent Data Initiative: GARFO Measuring Effects of Catch Shares: MRAG overview/demonstrations Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Team and Ropeless Consortium Meetings: reports ICCAT Advisory Committee: report Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology (SBRM): report on three-year review Northeast Trawl Advisory Panel Working Group: report Future of Research Steering Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Research Set-Aside (RSA) Program Review: final report Allocation Review Triggers: follow-up from September meeting Council Member Recusals, Financial Disclosures: proposed rule discussion; develop comments Decision-Making Under Uncertainty: presentation and Council discussion New England Recreational Fishing Workshops: GARFO report International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT): NMFS report on 2018 meeting Consultation on Proposed Groundfish Sector 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ecosystem Status Report: Northeast Fisheries Science Center Council Research Priorities: update