

New England Fishery Management Council

Three Meeting Outlook – December 2020 through April 2021

(Last updated October 16, 2020 and subject to change pending new information)

December 1-3, 2020 By Webinar	January 26-28, 2021 Portsmouth, NH	April 13-15, 2021 Mystic, CT
Atlantic Herring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framework Adjustment 7: update on action to protect spawning herring on Georges Bank 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framework Adjustment 7: potential final action to protect spawning herring on Georges Bank 	
Habitat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offshore Energy and Habitat-Related Work: update Habitat Polices for Aquaculture and Submarine cables: Council approval of completed polices Federal Aquaculture Opportunity Areas: NOAA Fisheries briefing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offshore Energy and Habitat-Related Work: update 	<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 alternatives for 2021 total allowable catches (TACs) for U.S./Canada stocks of Eastern Georges Bank (GB) cod, Eastern GB haddock, and GB yellowtail flounder; 2021-2023 specifications for half of the groundfish stocks; white hake rebuilding; and other measures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recreational Measures: provide recommendations to Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (GARFO) on fishing year 2021 recreational measures for Gulf of Maine cod, Gulf of Maine haddock, and Georges Bank cod Recreational Party/Charter Limited Entry: presentation on template comments and strawman proposal; discuss next steps 	
Sea Scallops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framework 33: update on 2020 surveys; progress report on action for 2021 fishery specifications, 2022 default specs, other measures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framework 33: final action 	
Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Georges Bank example Fishery Ecosystem Plan (eFEP): progress report on workshops for Georges Bank EBFM using the Council's eFEP and public outreach materials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Georges Bank example Fishery Ecosystem Plan (eFEP): progress report on workshops for Georges Bank EBFM using the Council's eFEP and public outreach materials 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Georges Bank example Fishery Ecosystem Plan (eFEP): overview/summary of public outreach workshops for Georges Bank EBFM using the Council's eFEP and public outreach materials
Small-Mesh Multispecies (Whiting) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2021-2023 Specifications: initiate action 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2021-2023 Specifications: final action 	
Skates Northeast Skate Complex Amendment 5: approve supplemental scoping notice with expanded range of possible measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northeast Skate Complex Amendment 5: progress report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Northeast Skate Complex Amendment 5: review scoping comments; identify next steps
	Monkfish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on next steps based on report for evaluating methods to estimate discards in TAL calculations and Council priorities 	
Spiny Dogfish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review 2021-2022 specifications proposed by Mid-Atlantic Council; consider final action 		
Other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stock Assessments: Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) report on peer review of Fall 2020 Management Track Assessments (redfish, halibut, ocean pout, wolffish, offshore hake, red hake, silver hake, scallops, windowpane and winter flounders) North Atlantic Right Whales: GARFO presentation on Take Reduction Plan proposed rule and draft Biological Opinion; Council discussion/comments Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology (SBRM): presentation on findings of 3-year review NROC/RODA Collaborative Effort to Update Commercial Fisheries Data on Portals: final report HMS AP, ICCAT Advisory Committee: report Guidance to Councils on Financial Disclosures and Voting Recusals: NOAA GC briefing on final rule 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Index-Based Methods and Control Rules Research Track Peer Review: NEFSC report Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary: NOAA update Fishery Monitoring and Research Division: NEFSC report Congressional Update: David Whaley 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State of the Ecosystem 2021 Report: NEFSC report Council Research Priorities: approve 2021-2025 list Atlantic Sea Scallop Biological Opinion – ESA Consultation Reinitiated: GARFO report