

# New England Fishery Management Council

## Three Meeting Outlook – September 2018 through January 2019

(Last updated September 11, 2018 and subject to change pending new information)

September 24-27, 2018 Plymouth, MA	December 4-6, 2018 Newport, RI	January 29-31, 2019 Portsmouth, NH
<b>Atlantic Herring</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amendment 8: review public comments on ABC control rule and potential localized depletion/user conflict alternatives; take final action</li> <li>2019-2021 Specifications: progress report; discuss potential NMFS action for 2019 if needed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2019-2021 Specifications: final action</li> </ul>	
<b>Habitat</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clam Dredge Framework: discuss alternatives to consider continued surfclam fishery and potential mussel dredge access to Great South Channel HMA</li> <li>Offshore Energy: update on activities and consultations</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Clam Dredge Framework: final action</li> <li>Offshore Energy: update on activities and consultations if needed</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offshore Energy: update on activities and consultations if needed</li> </ul>
<b>Groundfish</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Framework Adjustment 58: (1) approve framework's range of alternatives; (2) receive TMGC's total allowable catch (TAC) recommendations for U.S./Canada stocks of Eastern Georges Bank (GB) cod, Eastern GB haddock, and GB yellowtail flounder; (3) receive Scientific and Statistical Committee's (SSC) 2019-2020 Georges Bank yellowtail flounder overfishing limit (OFL) and acceptable biological catch (ABC) recommendations</li> <li>Monitoring Amendment 23 and FDDWG: updates</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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) guidance on sector overages</li> <li>Monitoring Amendment 23: update</li> <li>Fishery Dependent Data Working Group: final report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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</li> <li>Monitoring Amendment 23: approve range of alternatives</li> </ul>
<b>Sea Scallops</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Framework Adjustment 30: receive (1) update on action to set 2019 specifications, 2020 default specs, and standard default measures; and (2) overview of 2018 surveys</li> <li>General Category Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Fishery Component: receive update on IFQ trip limit analysis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Framework Adjustment 30: final action</li> </ul>	
<b>Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management (EBFM)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EBFM Strategy Review: receive final CIE report</li> <li>Georges Bank example Fishery Ecosystem Plan (eFEP): progress report on development of an eFEP framework for Georges Bank</li> <li>EBFM Roadmap: review and potentially approve comments on NOAA's regional implementation plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Georges Bank eFEP: progress report on development of an example Fishery Ecosystem Plan framework for Georges Bank</li> </ul>	
<b>Small-Mesh Multispecies (Whiting)</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amendment 22: status report</li> <li>Annual Monitoring Report: fishing year 2017</li> <li>Regulatory Efficiency Review: approve committee list</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amendment 22 final action on limited access and related measures</li> <li>Southern Red Hake: begin development of framework or amendment to rebuild stock</li> </ul>	
<b>Skates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Annual Monitoring Report: fishing year 2017</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Northeast Skate Complex Amendment 5: progress report on development of limited access program</li> </ul>
		<b>Observer Policy/Industry-Funded Monitoring</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Policy and strategic approach to monitoring commercial fisheries: committee update</li> </ul>
	<b>Spiny Dogfish</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2019-2021 Specifications: final action</li> </ul>	
<b>Research Steering</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee report</li> </ul>		
<b>Other</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SAW/SARC 65 – Benchmark Assessments for Atlantic Herring and Atlantic Sea Scallops: NEFSC</li> <li>Allocation Review Triggers: follow-up from June</li> <li>2019 Council Priorities: initial discussion</li> <li>Marine Recreational Information Program: NMFS</li> <li>Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Advisory Panel: report</li> <li>North Atlantic Shortfin Mako Sharks: NMFS HMS Amendment 11 presentation/consultation</li> <li>Northeast Trawl Advisory Panel: report</li> <li>RSA Program Review: provide Council input to panel</li> <li>NRCC Revised Stock Assessment Process: staff update</li> <li>Legislative Update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Research Set-Aside (RSA) Program Review: possible action on RSA review panel final report compiled by Council, GARFO, and Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC)</li> <li>2019 Council Priorities: final action</li> <li>Council Member Recusals: proposed rule discussion</li> <li>Fishery Dependent Data Visioning Project: GARFO</li> <li>Measuring Effects of Catch Shares: MRAG overview/demonstrations</li> <li>Atlantic Large Whale TRT: report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology (SBRM): report on three-year review</li> </ul>