

New England Fishery Management Council

Three Meeting Outlook – September 2021 through February 2022

(Last updated September 8, 2021 and subject to change pending new information)

September 28-30, 2021 By Webinar	December 7-9, 2021 Newport, RI	February 1-3, 2022 Portsmouth, NH
Atlantic Herring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framework Adjustment 9: final action on (1) rebuilding plan to address overfished status of the resource; and (2) adjustments to herring accountability measures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framework Adjustment 7: update on action to protect adult spawning herring on Georges Bank 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framework Adjustment 7: potential final action to protect adult spawning herring on Georges Bank
Habitat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Updates on: (1) recent Council comments to federal agencies on offshore wind projects and other issues; (2) upcoming comment opportunities; and (3) other habitat-related work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offshore Energy and Habitat-Related Work: approve revised policy on wind energy; other updates 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Habitat Management Areas (HMAs): recommend whether to initiate action to revise HMA on Northern Edge of Georges Bank Offshore Energy and Habitat-Related Work: update
Groundfish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TRAC: report on U.S./Canada shared resources of Eastern Georges Bank (GB) cod, Eastern GB haddock, and GB yellowtail SSC: recommendations on overfishing limits (OFLs) and acceptable biological catches (ABCs) for Georges Bank yellowtail flounder for fishing years 2022 and 2023 TMGC: receive and approve TMGC's TAC recommendations for U.S./Canada resources Framework 63: progress report Cod Stock Structure Workshops: consider measures that can be adopted regardless of assessment outcomes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framework 63: final action, which includes (1) 2022 TACs for U.S./Canada shared resources on Georges Bank; (2) 2022-2023 specifications for GB yellowtail flounder; (3) 2022-2024 specs for GB cod and Gulf of Maine (GOM) cod; (4) possible adjustment of 2022 specs for GB and GOM haddock; (5) adjustment of 2022 specs for white hake based on rebuilding plan; (6) additional measures to promote stock rebuilding; and (7) alternatives for setting groundfish default specs Cod Stock Structure Workshops: receive final report from workshops Metrics for Amendment 23 Monitoring System Review: initial discussion on developing metrics for review process to evaluate groundfish monitoring system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Metrics for Amendment 23 Monitoring System Review: progress report on developing metrics for review process to evaluate groundfish monitoring system ABC Control Rules: receive and discuss SSC report on revising acceptable biological catch (ABC) control rules for groundfish stocks
Sea Scallops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framework 34: preliminary overview of 2021 surveys; progress report on action for 2022 fishery specifications, 2023 default specs, other measures Scallop Survey Working Group (SSWG): update Rotational Management Program Evaluation: update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framework 34: final action on 2022 fishery specifications, 2023 default specs, and other measures Scallop Survey Working Group (SSWG): update Rotational Management Program Evaluation: draft report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2022 Work Priorities: update Scallop Survey Working Group (SSWG): update
Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management EBFM: update on public information workshops, National Standard 1 issues for potentially managing catches by stock complex; potential discussion of example EBFM MSE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EBFM Educational Workshops: progress report on informational workshops using public outreach materials, focusing on potential application to a Georges Bank eFEP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EBFM Educational Workshops: progress report on workshops using public outreach materials, focusing on potential application to a Georges Bank eFEP
Small-Mesh Multispecies (Whiting) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Committee Report 		
Skates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2022-2023 Specifications: final action 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amendment 5: update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amendment 5: update
Monkfish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report on committee discussion of analyses of discard estimation methods and potential next steps 		
Other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Election of Officers 2022 Council Priorities: initial discussion June 2021 Management Track Stock Assessments Peer Review: NEFSC report SSC Social Science Subpanel Review of Groundfish FW 59, Scallop FW 32: report North Atlantic Right Whales: GARFO presentation on (1) ALWTRP final rule for lobster/Jonah crab fisheries; and (2) ALWTRP Phase 2 scoping for U.S. East Coast gillnet and other pot fisheries, including groundfish, skates, monkfish, dogfish, and red crab; comments NAFO: report on 43rd annual meeting; NMFS Highly Migratory Species Advisory Panel: report Northeast Trawl Advisory Panel (NTAP): report on recent meetings; approve revised charter Stellwagen Bank National Marine Sanctuary: report National Standard 1 Draft Tech Memo on ACLs for data-limited stocks: approve Council comments MSA Reauthorization: approve Council comments on H.R. 4690, Sustaining America's Fisheries for the Future 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2022 Council Priorities: final action September 2021 Management Track Stock Assessments Peer Review: NEFSC report ICCAT: report on Nov. 15-22 meeting Guidance to Councils on Financial Disclosures and Voting Recusals: NOAA General Counsel briefing Sea Turtle/Trawl Bycatch: GARFO overview of scoping process for development of bycatch reduction measures East Coast Climate Change Scenario Planning: update CCC Subcommittee on Area-Based Management: progress report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed Session: Council discussion on SSC appointments Congressional Update: David Whaley North Atlantic Right Whales: GARFO update on ALWTRP Phase 2 measures for U.S. East Coast gillnet and other pot fisheries, including groundfish, skates, monkfish, dogfish, and red crab; Council comments Sea Turtle/Trawl Bycatch: GARFO presentation; Council discussion and comments on the development of bycatch reduction measures