

New England Fishery Management Council

Three Meeting Outlook – September through December 2024 and January 2025

(Last updated September 12, 2024 and subject to change pending new information)

September 24-26, 2024 Gloucester, MA	December 3-5, 2024 Newport, RI	January 28-30, 2025 Portsmouth, NH
Atlantic Herring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2025-2027 Specifications: SSC OFL and ABC recommendations; Council final action or direction on measures, including potential initiation of framework 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2025-2027 Specifications: Council final action or further direction on measure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amendment 10: progress report; overview of ASMFC's river herring/shad assessment
		Habitat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Review: Council receives overview of new EFH designation methods and EFH Review Report; provides direction on future action Wind and Fisheries Research Roundup
Groundfish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amendment 25: final action to incorporate four new cod stock units in FMP SSC: recommendations on OFLs and ABCs for four cod stock units and Georges Bank yellowtail flounder Framework 69: update on action to set specifications for several groundfish stocks for fishing years 2025-2027, U.S./Canada TACs for 2025-2026, incorporate revisions to flatfish sub-annual catch limits and AMs, and other measures Atlantic Cod Management Transition Plan: update Other 2024 Groundfish Priorities: update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TMGC: receive and approve Transboundary Management Guidance Committee's U.S./Canada total allowable catches (TACs) SSC: recommendations on OFLs and ABCs for several groundfish stocks Framework 69: final action Atlantic Cod Management Transition Plan: update on planning for work on Phase 2 2024 Groundfish Work Priorities: update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recreational Measures: provide recommendations to GARFO on fishing year 2025 recreational measures for cod and haddock Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP): NOAA Fisheries report on Fishing Effort Survey follow-up study and re-envisioning
Sea Scallops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framework 39: preliminary overview of 2024 surveys; progress report on framework (details under December) SSC Subpanel: review of method to determine scallop survey strata 2024 Scallop Work Priorities: update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SSC OFL and ABC recommendations for scallops Framework 39: final action for 2025 fishing year specifications, 2026 default specs, revisions to flatfish AMs, and measures to allow NGOM permit holders fishing on directed scallop trips in the NGOM to possess scallops south of 42° 20' Scallop Strategic Plan: progress report on development of workplan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LAGC IFQ Program Review: progress report on five-year review
Ecosystem, Climate, and IRA Initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ecosystem and Climate Action Steering Committee: report on committee's establishment East Coast Climate Coordination Group (E3CG): report on August Climate Ecosystems and Fisheries Initiative (CEFI) coordination meeting IRA-Funded Projects: update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ecosystem and Climate Action Steering Committee: update on activities, including CEFI projects and management coordination IRA-Funded Projects: update E3CG: Report on October meeting and Council input on E3CG 2025 priorities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ecosystem and Climate Action Steering Committee: update on activities IRA-Funded Projects: update
Skates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring Report: overview of PDT's annual review of skate fishery 		
Monkfish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring Report: overview of PDT's annual review of monkfish fishery RSA: update on improvements recommended by 2023 Monkfish RSA Working Group 		
Whiting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Monitoring Report: overview of PDT's annual review of whiting fishery 		
Other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Election of Officers; Council Photo 2025 Council Priorities: initial discussion Risk Policy Working Group: Council action to approve revised Risk Policy statement and concept June 2024 Management Track Peer Review: NEFSC On-Demand Fishing Gear Conflict Working Group (WG): GARFO update on proposed measures; NEFSC on-demand trials summary; Council review/discuss working group input on TORs, gear marking white paper, and possible regulatory and management measures Northeast Trawl Advisory Panel (NTAP): report Highly Migratory Species Advisory Panel: report NEFSC/OLE Observer Workshop: post adjournment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2025 Council Priorities: final action September 2024 Management Track Stock Assessments Peer Review: Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) report Revised Draft Batched Biological Opinion: GARFO presentation; Council questions/comments Guidance to Councils on Financial Disclosures and Voting Recusals: NOAA General Counsel Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO): report on 2024 meeting SCS8: Report on workshop outcomes Regional EEJ Implementation Plan: GARFO Draft Batch Biological Opinion: GARFO Spiny Dogfish: consider modifications to 2024-2026 specifications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed Session: Council discussion on SSC appointments Council Operations Handbook: consider updates to SSC section Yellowtail Flounder Research Track Assessment Peer Review: NEFSC Survey Update: NEFSC ICCAT: report on 2024 meeting Risk Policy: update on implementation strategy Locking Away Carbon on the Northeast Shelf and Slope (LOC-NESS): WHOI National Standard 4, 8, 9 Guidelines: NOAA Fisheries presentation on proposed rule; Council comments