

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL
Climate and Ecosystem Steering Committee

I. STATUS

- A. Meetings: The Steering Committee met on September 2nd to receive updates on the Council's portfolio of Inflation Reduction Act (IRA)-funded projects and provide feedback on specific initiatives as requested; discuss ongoing work of the process mapping and communications subcommittees and provide direction as needed; discuss and provide feedback on ongoing Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) ecosystem initiatives; and receive a presentation from NOAA's Changing Ecosystems and Fisheries Initiative (CEFI) on the most recent climate forecast for the northeast region. An overview of this meeting and key outcomes will be provided to the Council on September 24th.
- B. Staff Coordination: Staff continue to engage at a regional level in the East Coast Coordination Group and Core Team and meet at least monthly with Core Team members from the Mid and South Atlantic Councils to discuss IRA projects. The Coordination Group is planning a fall meeting; information will be available via www.mafmc.org. Staff also participate in monthly meetings of NOAA's CEFI Northeast Decision Support Team, where CEFI products and projects as well as their applications to management are discussed.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

None

III. INFORMATION

- 1. Staff Presentation
 - 2. Climate and Ecosystem Steering Committee Meeting Summary, September 2, 2025 (DRAFT)
- Inflation Reduction Act project information is available at <https://www.nefmc.org/library/council-related-inflation-reduction-act-ira-projects>.