

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Executive Order 14276 & Omnibus Management Flexibility Amendment

I. STATUS

- A. Meetings: In July and August 2025, each of the Council's Plan Development Teams (PDT) met to provide input on Executive Order 14276. The Executive Committee met on September 4, 2025 by webinar.
- B. Executive Order 14276: NOAA Fisheries tasked the Council with providing recommendations on how it will the meet Executive Order (EO) 14276, *Restoring American Seafood Competitiveness*, by September 30, 2025. At its September 2025 meeting, the Council will finalize a workplan with recommended actions to "reduce regulatory burdens" and "increase production in domestic fisheries."
- C. Omnibus Management Flexibility Amendment: The Council identified the need to increase management flexibility in light of the changing regional resources and capacity to support scientific updates and regulatory processes. Council staff will provide an overview of the action and answer questions on the draft alternatives. The Council is scheduled to take final action at its September meeting. The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC) is scheduled to take final action at its October 2025 meeting on the monkfish aspects of the action.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- 1. Executive Order 14276: Approval of recommendations for EO 14276 to reduce burdens on domestic fishing and increase seafood production.
- 2. Omnibus Management Flexibility Amendment: Final action on omnibus measures to address management flexibility, including specification frequency, rollover provisions, in-season adjustment authority, and other measures.

III. INFORMATION

- 1. Executive Order 14276
 - a. Presentation, Council Staff
 - b. EO 14276 and supporting information
 - c. 250912 Executive Committee memo to the Council
 - i. Attachment 1 – EO 14276 Comments received by NEFMC
 - ii. Attachment 2 – EO 14276 Comments received by NOAA
 - iii. Attachment 3 – EO 14276 Input from the PDTs
 - d. Additional public comment received
 - e. Background: Council responses to EO 13921 and EO 13771 & EO 13777
- 2. Omnibus Management Flexibility Amendment
 - a. Presentation, Council Staff
 - b. Draft Omnibus Management Flexibility Amendment document
 - c. Council staff to Council re staff recommendations
 - d. Decision Document
- 3. Correspondence