

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Risk Policy Working Group

I. STATUS

- A. Meetings: The Risk Policy Working Group (RPWG) met by webinar on March 9, 2026. Proposed revisions to the Risk Policy were presented to the Council's Science and Statistical Committee on March 30, 2026.
- B. Use and Development of Risk Policy: The revised Risk Policy statement and concept took effect on January 1, 2025. The use and further development have been carried out in two concurrent phases (Alpha and Beta). The Alpha phase has focused on the use of updated Risk Policy matrices. The Beta phase has focused on refinements of the Risk Policy Concept, including adjustments to the number of factors and data used in scoring, and the mechanics and translation of Z-scores. The Beta phase is also considering connection to harvest control rules through simulation testing. The Council will consider approving revisions to the Risk Policy Concept and completing one weightings exercise for all stocks at the June Council meeting.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

No Council action is required.

III. INFORMATION

1. Staff Presentation (*to be provided*)
 2. Risk Policy Work Plan
 3. Draft Risk Policy Concept and Appendices
 4. Meetings Summaries – June 2025 through March 2026
 5. Correspondence
- Prior meeting materials and the Risk Policy Concept can be found [here](#).