

New England Fishery Management Council
Risk Policy Working Group
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Thursday, August 21, 2025

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AGENDA

- 1:00 p.m. Welcome and Introductions, Meeting Logistics, and Updates**
- 1:10 p.m. Update on the use of Risk Policy in Council Actions**
- Discuss the Risk Policy matrix and guidance shared with Council bodies for this management cycle. Share Council staff input on formatting and presentation of information.
- 2:15 p.m. Review Risk Policy Concept and Sub-Group Input**
- Discuss and advise on possible modifications to the Risk Policy, including factors and questions, data sources, scaling of Z-scores. Receive updates from factor sub-groups.
 - Receive a presentation on potential risk indicators from NEFSC that could be used to support the Council’s Risk Policy.
 - Discuss next steps for Risk Policy Working Group.
- 4:00 p.m. Risk Policy Simulation Testing Update**
- Project update provided by Dr. Lisa Kerr.
- 4:15 p.m. Other Business and Adjourn**

MEETING MATERIALS

1. Agenda
2. Presentations (*to be provided*)
 - a. Risk Policy Alpha and Matrix
 - b. Sub-Group Input
 - c. NEFSC EDAB
3. Risk Policy Matrix – Guidance and Recent Examples
4. Risk Policy Instructions for Use – Draft
5. Risk Policy Statement and Concept Overview (September 2024 Council Meeting)
6. EDAB Risk Policy Technical Brief
7. Meetings Summaries
8. Correspondence

Other Background Materials: [Risk Policy Working Group Page](#)