

New England Fishery Management Council
Risk Policy Working Group
ZOOM Webinar – [Register Here](#)
Wednesday, June 3, 2026

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AGENDA

- 1:00 p.m. Welcome and Introductions, Meeting Logistics**
- Meeting objectives and expectations
- 1:10 p.m. Risk Policy Concept, Scoring, and Weighting**
- Weightings: (1) Review process; (2) Confirm the number of times a factor can be weighed as critically important.
 - Scoring: (1) Consider broader application of quantile method (recruitment) for scoring; (2) Confirm recreational and commercial data inputs.
 - Finalize recommendations from Working Group.
- 2:40 p.m. Break (5 minutes)**
- 2:45 p.m. Risk Policy Use**
- Qualitative Use: (1) Recommend Risk Tiers and method for determining them; (2) Provide input how on to interpret each tier.
- 3:25 p.m. Risk Policy Toolkit - Update**
- Follow-up overview and demonstration of tools being developed to support the Risk Policy. (Angelia Miller, Maris Collaborative)
- 3:45 p.m. Review Progress and Discuss Next Steps**
- Review plan for completion of Working Group TORs and discontinuing the Working Group. Overview of next steps for Risk Policy development.
 - Recap decisions, overview of plans for June Council meeting.
- 4:00 p.m. Other Business and Adjourn**

MEETING MATERIALS

1. Agenda
2. Meeting Memo
3. Presentations (*to be provided*)
4. Risk Policy Workplan
5. Risk Policy Concept
 - a. Appendix 1 – Factor Scoring Instructions
 - b. Appendix 2 – Factor Weighting Sheet and Instructions
 - c. Appendix 3 – Risk Policy Mechanics
 - d. Appendix 4 – Risk Policy Decision Catalogue
6. Draft Risk Policy Use Guidance Document
7. 260527 Memo from Dr. Cate O'Keefe to RPWG
8. Meetings Summaries
9. Correspondence

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