

Executive Director's Report December 2025

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New England Fishery Management Council
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Financial Update

- 2025 – 2029 Award
 - Funding contingent upon availability from Congress, discretion of Dept. of Commerce
 - FY25: full funds received
 - FY26: Continuing Resolution through January 30, 2026
- 2020-2024 No-Cost Extension
 - Completion by December 31, 2025
- Inflation Reduction Act
 - Completion by March 31, 2027

Grant	Proposed Budget	Received Funds	Available Balance
NA25 – Cooperative Award	\$21,690,804	\$4,848,761	\$1,358,985
• Operating budget			
• Salary/benefits			
• Stipends			
• Travel			
• Contracts			
NA20 - No Cost Extension	\$22,857,888	\$23,857,888	\$80,926
• Initiatives - contracts			
• % Salary - select staff			
NA24 - IRA	\$2,494,982	\$2,494,982	\$1,641,744
• Initiatives - contracts			
• % Salary - select staff			
• Hardware/Software			

Interagency Updates/Meetings

- Transboundary Management Guidance Committee – Oct 1, Halifax NS
 - US/Canada Steering Committee – Oct 14, cancelled
- Council Coordination Committee – Oct 15-16, cancelled
 - Executive Director's Meeting – Oct 16
- Northeast Region Coordinating Council – Nov 4-5, cancelled
- East Coast Coordination Group – Nov 12, virtual

Executive Committee Meeting – Nov 13, 2025

- Enforcement Committee recommendations
 - Membership (Option A):
 - NOAA Office of Law Enforcement and General Counsel
 - US Coast Guard
 - Marine enforcement from each of the five New England states
 - Advisory Panel (Option A):
 - Dissolve the Enforcement Advisory Panel
 - Format and logistics (Option B):
 - Standing annual meetings with additional need-based meetings scheduled upon request
- 2026 Council Priorities – Thursday agenda item
- 2026-2028 Advisory Panel recommendations
 - Announcement by the end of December
 - New term starts January 2026

Council Actions/Correspondence

- Council Actions
 - Management Flexibility Omnibus – submitted Nov 6
 - Groundfish Amendment 25 – submitted Nov 14
 - Skate 2026-2028 Specifications – submitted Nov 17
 - Monkfish FW 17 – submitted Nov
 - Essential Fish Habitat Designations – submitted Nov
- Comments
 - Executive Order 14276 Response – submitted Sept 30
 - ODWG Recommendations to NEFSC and GARFO – submitted on Oct 21
 - Representative Magaziner State of New England Fisheries – submitted Nov 6
 - NEFSC Offshore Wind Monitoring Standards – submitted Nov 12

Questions