

New England Fishery Management Council
Risk Policy Working Group
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Friday, November 14, 2025

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AGENDA

- 9:30 a.m. Welcome and Introductions, Meeting Logistics, and Updates**
- 9:40 a.m. Risk Policy and the Status of Regional Science and Management**
- Remarks from Working Group Chair, Ms. Megan Ware.
 - [Presentation from Dr. Cate O’Keefe, NEFMC Executive Director](#)
 - Review Work Plan for the Risk Policy, Mr. Jonathon Peros
- 10:15 a.m. Risk Policy Concept, Mechanistic Topics (Input from UMaine Demonstration)**
Review Risk Policy Concept, UMaine Demonstration and White Paper
- Shape of the Curve.
 - Z-Score Scaling.
 - Factor Score Ranges.
- 11:30 a.m. Review Risk Policy Concept, UMaine Demonstration and White Paper**
- Discuss and advise on possible modifications to the Risk Policy, including factors and questions, data sources, scaling of Z-scores.
 - Review the goals of Risk Policy factors. Focus developing clear goal statement on intention of each factor (what type of uncertainty, risk is it meant to capture)
 - Directional relationship with risk
 - Definition of neutral state
 - Emerging Challenges
 - Appropriate alignment between factor conditions and neutral risk.
 - Resource limitation.
 - Interpretability: directionality changes throughout the process, “recommended probability”.
- 12:30 p.m. Review Progress and Discuss Next Steps**
- Discuss next steps.
- 1:00 p.m. Other Business and Adjourn**

MEETING MATERIALS

1. Agenda
2. Presentations (*to be provided*)
 - a. Status of Regional Science and Management (Dr. Cate O’Keefe)
 - b. Risk Policy Concept and Demonstration – UMaine
 - c. Risk Policy Work Plan (Council staff)
3. Draft Risk Policy Demonstration and Evaluation White Paper
4. Draft Risk Policy Workplan
5. Meetings Summaries
6. Correspondence

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