

**New England Fishery Management Council**  
**Risk Policy Working Group**  
**ZOOM Webinar – [Register Here](#)**  
**Monday, March 9, 2026**

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**AGENDA**

- 11:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions, Meeting Logistics**
- Meeting objectives and expectations, Megan Ware & Jonathon Peros
    - Seeking recommendations on mechanics, and input on the factor scoring and guidelines.
- 11:15 a.m. Risk Policy Mechanics**
- Presentation from Dr. Roger Brothers.
  - Review input and recommendations from technical sub-group. Develop recommendations.
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch**
- 1:00 p.m. Risk Policy Concept – Updates and Recommended Changes**
- Continue discussion of mechanics as needed.
  - Review input on Risk Policy factors and data for scoring.
- 2:00 p.m. Risk Policy Guidance Documents**
- Overview of guidance documents, focusing on SSC use of the Risk Policy. Provide input. See page 2 of Document 3.
- 2:30 p.m. Risk Policy Toolkit**
- Overview and demonstration of tools being developed to support the Risk Policy. Angelia Miller, Maris Collaborative.
- 2:50 p.m. Review Progress and Discuss Next Steps**
- Recap decisions, review short-term work plan.
- 3:00 p.m. Other Business and Adjourn**

## **MEETING MATERIALS**

1. Agenda
2. Presentations (*to be provided*)
  - a. Risk Policy Concept, Use, and Scoring
  - b. Risk Policy Mechanics
3. Factor and Use Matrix for Recommendations and Input
4. Draft Risk Policy Workplan
5. Feedback on Mechanics and Scoring:
  - a. Memo on Mechanics from Technical sub-group
  - b. Scoring SSB/Stock Status, Recruitment, Climate Vulnerability.
  - c. Scoring Commercial and Recreational fishery characteristics.
6. Meetings Summaries
7. Correspondence

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