

Council Planning September-December 2025

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Priority and Task Updates

• Priorities

- Complete Management Flexibility Omnibus – submission
- Complete Groundfish Amendment 25 – submission
- Complete response to EO 14276
- Initiate 2026 priority setting process

• New Tasks

- Council workplan for Executive Order 14276 proposed tasks
 - Coordinated with priority setting
- CCC topics
 - Risk-value matrix evaluation of stocks; identification of priorities; NEPA WG
- NRCC topics
 - Revised scheduling and scope for stock assessments
 - Application of Data Updates for specifications

Council Action Updates

- Complete and Submit September Actions
 - Monkfish specifications
 - Skate specifications
 - Groundfish Amendment 25
 - Management Flexibility Omnibus
 - On-Demand Gear Marking Omnibus
 - EFH Designation
 - Executive Order 14276 Council recommendations
- December Planned Final Actions
 - Groundfish FW72
 - Scallop FW40 and Scallop Strategic Plan
 - Dogfish specifications and AM measures
 - 2026 Council Priorities



[NEFMC 3 Meeting Outlook](#)

Planned Activities/Meetings

• IRA Initiatives

- Workshop planning
 - Holistic Strategic Plan – Jan 6-7
 - Governance Staff-to-Staff – Feb
 - Dynamic Reference points – May
 - Governance Regional – June
- Contractor deliverables
 - Risk Policy Simulation updates
 - Portfolio Project updates
 - Ecosystem Components updates

• Meeting Planning

- TMGC, SSC, CCC, NRCC, ECCG
- December Council week after Thanksgiving

• Staff Activities

- New staff onboarding
 - October 14th
- Performance Evaluations
 - Mid-Oct to mid-Nov

• Grant Activities

- Annual reports
 - October 30th
- Final report 2020-2024 award
 - January 30th

Questions