



## New England Fishery Management Council

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### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** July 25, 2025  
**TO:** Small-Mesh Multispecies Plan Development Team (PDT)  
**FROM:** Andrew Applegate, chair  
**SUBJECT:** **Purpose and agenda for meeting**

The **Small-Mesh Multispecies PDT** will meet via webinar beginning at 9:30 am on July 25, 2025. The meeting will break for lunch and at other times, as needed.

**Purpose:** The PDT will:

- Review and discuss measures and alternatives for management flexibility and Executive Order 14276 actions
- Receive fishing year 2024 catch estimates compared to specifications
- Review a demonstration of a new format fishery performance and risk policy factor analysis presentation
- Discuss other issues, as necessary.

This meeting was intended to develop a fishing year 2024 annual monitoring report, but presentation of the report to the Council in September has been postponed until December to make room for Amendment 25 resubmission and other issues on the September agenda. Thus, the PDT has additional time to continue efficiency improvements and finalize the report.

Meanwhile, the Council is developing a management efficiency omnibus action to be approved by the Council in September and is preparing a list of regulatory relief measures for submission to NOAA by September 30. The Council is seeking input from its PDTs and Advisors to develop this list.

Making the annual report more streamlined and efficient, the work has intersected with analysis of risk policy factors, some of which have been included in this year's draft. Staff have also been working to streamline the report, serving multiple needs across plans and issues. Many of the analyses run via R and SQL to update data and use Quarto to render a Power Point slide deck. Staff will demonstrate the current version of the report generation, which is likely to be reformatted into a Fishery Performance and Risk Policy Factor Analysis report. It will also include updated fishing year catch estimates, which have been produced for annual monitoring reports.

**Meeting materials.** Paper copies of the documents listed below will be provided at the meeting. A PDF of each document is posted to [www.nefmc.org](http://www.nefmc.org). Staff will provide copies of any additional meeting materials that are not included in this package. If you have any questions about the documents, please contact Andrew Applegate ([aapplegate@nefmc.org](mailto:aapplegate@nefmc.org); 978-465-0492 ext. 114).

1. Meeting memo and agenda (this memo)
2. Omnibus-Management-Flexibility-Action
3. Potential Small-Mesh Multispecies management measures to address Executive Order 14276
4. Catch estimates for Fishing Year 2024
5. Demo Fishery Performance and Risk Policy Factor Analysis

## **AGENDA**

### **Small-Mesh Multispecies Plan Development Team**

**July 25, 2025**

9:30 am	Agenda and purpose of meeting; (Document 1)..... (Applegate)
9:45	Discussion and comments on Management Efficiency Alternatives as they apply to Small-Mesh Multispecies management (Document 2) ..... (PDT)
10:15	Discussion and recommendations for small-mesh multispecies management measures to address Executive Order 14276 (Document 3) ..... (PDT) Catch accounting, Bycatch, Economic trends, Stock assessment
11:30	Catch estimates for Fishing Year 2024 (Document 4) ..... (Applegate)
12:00	Lunch break
1:00 pm	Streamlining survey abundance and recruitment trends as an R program..... (Alade)
1:30	Demonstration of new Fishery Performance and Risk Policy Factor Analysis for the Small-Mesh Multispecies fishery (Document 5) ..... (Applegate)
3:00	Other business.....(Committee)
4:30	Adjourn