



## New England Fishery Management Council

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### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** August 25, 2025  
**TO:** Groundfish Advisory Panel and Recreational Advisory Panel  
**FROM:** Daniel Salerno, Acting Groundfish Committee Chair  
**SUBJECT:** Meeting on September 3, 2025

On Wednesday September 3<sup>rd</sup>, the **Groundfish Advisory Panel (GAP)** and **Recreational Advisory Panel (RAP)** meet jointly by **webinar** starting at **9:00 a.m.**

Check the meeting notice for details or meeting webpage:

<https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/sep-3-2025-recreational-and-groundfish-advisory-panels-webinar>

#### **Agenda Topics**

1. Revised Amendment 25 / Atlantic Cod Specifications and Management
2. Framework Adjustment 72 / Specifications and Management Measures
3. Alternative Gear-Marking Framework
4. Other business, as necessary

#### **Meeting Materials**

Check the link in your email for the meeting materials or the meeting webpage. Contact Robin Frede ([rfrede@nefmc.org](mailto:rfrede@nefmc.org) ; 978-465-0492 ext. 124) with questions about documents.

1. Meeting memo
2. Agenda
3. Presentation, Council staff
4. Revised Amendment 25
  - a. Draft outline of alternatives
  - b. Draft Environmental Assessment
  - c. Draft Appendices
5. Framework 72
  - a. Draft outline of alternatives
  - b. Risk Policy Matrices (draft examples)
6. Alternative Gear-Marking Framework
  - a. Presentation, GARFO staff
  - b. Past meeting materials located here: <https://www.nefmc.org/library/june-2025-on-demand-fishing-gear-conflict-working-group>
7. Correspondence

## **Meeting Topics**

The following table outlines the expected outcomes by topic. Please prepare motions and rationale in advance and email to [rfrede@nefmc.org](mailto:rfrede@nefmc.org)

*Expected meeting outcomes.*

<b><u>Topic</u></b>	<b><u>Documents</u></b>	<b><u>Presentations/Discussion</u></b>	<b><u>Anticipated Motions/Outcomes</u></b>
<b><i>Revised Amendment 25</i></b>	3, 4a-4c	Receive an update on the repackaged and revised action.	Discussion.
<b><i>Framework Adjustment 72</i></b>	3, 5a-5b	Receive an update on development of the action.  Discuss and provide feedback on next steps.	Discussion.
<b><i>Alternative Gear-Marking Framework</i></b>	6a-6b	The New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC), in conjunction with the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC), and the NOAA Fisheries Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (GARFO), is developing an action which would consider allowing alternative surface marking provisions for fixed gear fisheries in the Greater Atlantic Region. If approved, this action would allow for the use of fixed gear without a persistent buoy line. The Councils are anticipated to take final action at their September/October meetings.  Receive an overview of the joint NEFMC and MAFMC action.  Discuss and provide feedback.	Discussion/possible feedback.

## **Upcoming Meetings**

**September 3 – Groundfish Committee Webinar**

<https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/sep-3-2025-groundfish-committee-webinar>

**September 23-25 – Council Meeting** Gloucester, MA and by webinar

<https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/september-2025-council-meeting>