



New England Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 10, 2025
TO: Groundfish Committee
FROM: John Pappalardo, Groundfish Committee Chair
SUBJECT: Meeting on November 18, 2025

On Tuesday November 18th, the **Groundfish Committee (Committee)** meets in a **hybrid meeting** in Wakefield, MA and by **webinar** starting at **9:00 am**.

Check the meeting notice for details or meeting webpage:

<https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/nov-18-2025-groundfish-committee-meeting>

Agenda Topics

1. Framework Adjustment 72 / Specifications and Management Measures
2. Framework 68 / Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) Control Rules: ABC Control Rules / Risk Policy project
3. Other business, as necessary, including 2026 Council Priorities

Meeting Materials

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

1. Meeting memorandum
2. Agenda
3. Presentation, Council staff
4. Framework 72
 - a. Draft framework discussion document (includes draft alternatives and PDT analysis to develop alternatives)
 - b. Past Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) meeting materials
 - October 8, 2025, see Groundfish Documents:
<https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/oct-8-2025-ssc-meeting>
 - October 21-22, 2025: <https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/oct-21-22-2025-ssc-meeting>
 - c. SSC reports
 - October 8, 2025: ocean pout and Atlantic wolffish
 - October 21-22, 2025: several groundfish stocks

- October 21-22, 2025: transboundary groundfish stocks
- d. Transboundary Management Guidance Committee (TMGC) 2026 Guidance Document
- 5. ABC Control Rules / Risk Policy project
 - a. Presentation, University of Maine project team
 - b. Report, Demonstration of the New England Fishery Management Council's New Risk Policy in the Context of ABC Control Rules, University of Maine project team
- 6. Meeting Motions
 - a. Groundfish Advisory Panel, draft meeting motions, November 17, 2025
 - b. Recreational Advisory Panel, draft meeting motions, November 17, 2025
- 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

Expected meeting outcomes.

<u>Topic</u>	<u>Documents</u>	<u>Presentations/Discussion</u>	<u>Anticipated Motions/Outcomes</u>
<i>Framework Adjustment 72</i>	3, 4a-4d	Receive an update on the development of the action including the draft alternatives. <i>Key Discussion Questions:</i> Discuss the PDT's sub-component analysis. Discuss the PDT's analysis of the SNE/MA yellowtail flounder scallop fishery sub-ACL. Provide feedback on the draft alternatives. Make recommendations to the Council on preferred alternatives.	Discussion/Motions.
<i>ABC Control Rules / Risk Policy project</i>	5a-5b	Receive a progress report on the project to evaluate integration of risk policy with revised groundfish ABC control rules. Discuss and provide feedback.	Discussion.
<i>Other Business: 2026 Council Groundfish Priorities</i>	3	Discuss draft proposed 2026 Council Groundfish priorities and consider possible priorities to recommend to the Council for 2026.	Discussion/Motions.

Upcoming Meetings

December 2-4 – Council Meeting Newport, RI and by webinar
<https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/december-2025-council-meeting>