

Other Business

SCIENTIFIC AND STATISTICAL COMMITTEE

AUGUST 11-12, 2026



New England Fishery
Management Council

CONFIRM STOCK LEADS

October 7 – New Bedford/webinar	
Scallop	Sam Truesdell
N. Windowpane flounder	
S. Windowpane flounder	
Witch flounder	

October 27-28 – Boston/webinar	
GOM haddock	Richard Merrick
Plaice	Alex Hansell
Pollock	
Halibut	
N. Silver hake/whiting	
S. Silver hake/whiting	
N. Red hake	
S. Red hake	

Volunteers Needed!



SSC WORK PLAN UPDATES

- Oct 7 SSC meeting – New Bedford
 - OFL/ABC for scallops and groundfish stocks (data updates, empirical methods)
- Oct 27-28 SSC meeting – Boston
 - OFL/ABC for small-mesh multispecies and groundfish stocks (analytical methods/projections, revised methods) – **moved halibut to this meeting**
- SSC subpanel on river herring/shad catch estimation methods, bycatch reduction – **moved to Nov.**
- SSS meeting - **potentially in November**
 - DRP indicators, foregrounding social science
- **Topics moved to 2027**
 - Consult on groundfish ABC control rules
 - Subpanel to review new scallop projection model/methods
- **Topics moved off work plan**
 - OFL/ABC for US/Canada stocks - Transboundary Management Guidance Cte to recommend
 - Permit portfolio project – panel not needed, already reviewed; discuss at a future SSS meeting?



SOLICITATION FOR 2027 SSC MEMBERS

- Executive Committee will decide 2027 appointments in December 2026, not January 2027.
 - Aug 31 – Formal solicitation distributed
 - Oct 30 – Application deadline
 - Nov 18 – Ex Comm meeting – initial recommendation
 - Dec 8-10 – Council meeting – Council recommendation, Ex Comm final decision
- Current SSC members up for reappointment
 - First 3-year term complete in 2026 - Ed Camp, Adam Delargy, Gareth Lawson, Kai Lorenzen, Michelle Staudinger
 - Second 3-year term complete in 2026 - Conor McManus
 - Third 3-year term complete in 2026 – Hiro Uchida
 - Other annual appointments - Lisa Kerr, Jason McNamee, Kevin St. Martin, John Wiedenmann

*Thank
you!
(come again!!)*



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JOINT NEFSC - SSC MEETING IN EARLY 2027

Potential topics:

- DRP workshop “Priority Action #3” - Coordinate on development of screening process and indicators, identify potential DRP stocks (see report, p. 39)
- Improving utility of data updates.
- Updates, on-ramps and applications of NEFSC products
 - Social science products
 - State of the Ecosystem Reports
 - Ecosystem and Socioeconomic Reports
 - Other?

Input on topics?



9TH SCIENTIFIC COORDINATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

- Council Coordination Committee's Scientific Coordination Subcommittee meets periodically to discuss scientific issues of national importance; themes approved by CCC.

SCS	Year	Host	Theme
1	2008	WPFMC	Developing Best Practices for SSCs
2	2009	CFMC	Establishing a Scientific Basis for Annual Catch Limits
3	2010	SAFMC	ABC Control Rule Implementation and Peer Review Procedures
4	2011	MAFMC	Ecosystem and Social Science Considerations in U.S. Federal Fishery Management
5	2015	WPFMC	Providing Scientific Advice in the Face of Uncertainty: from Data to Climate and Ecosystems
6	2018	PFMC	The Use of MSE to Inform Decisions Made by the Regional Fishery Management Councils
7	2022	NPFMC	Adapting Fisheries Management to a Changing Ecosystem
8	2024	NEFMC	Applying ABC Control Rules in a Changing Environment



9TH SCIENTIFIC COORDINATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

SCS9 theme, approved May 2026

“Strategies for Robust and Efficient Fisheries Science and Management”

November 8-10, 2027

Hosted by the Gulf Council

Location TBD



9TH SCIENTIFIC COORDINATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

Agenda under development. Draft themes:

- Characterizing regional uncertainty in the science and management landscape
- Providing scientific advice to Councils in a dynamic support environment
- Roses and thorns – What is working, what needs work in SSC processes
- SSCs' greatest needs for analyses, valuable analyses received
- Bridging gaps between science and fishery knowledge
- Incorporating social and economic data to support Council decisions
- “Bring It Home” region-specific sessions on follow-through

Feedback?

Attendance

- Typically, 3-4 SSC members plus staff coordinator attends. Stay tuned for solicitation.

