



New England Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 17, 2026
TO: Groundfish Committee
FROM: Terry Alexander, Interim Groundfish Committee Chair
SUBJECT: Meeting on August 25, 2026

On **Tuesday August 25th**, the **Groundfish Committee (Committee)** will meet in **Portsmouth, NH** and by **webinar** starting at **9:30 am**.

For details, check the meeting notice or meeting webpage: <https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/aug-25-2026-groundfish-committee-meeting>.

Agenda Topics

1. Framework 68 / Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) Control Rules
2. Amendment 23 Monitoring Review
3. Framework 74 / Specifications and Management Measures
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 ; 978-465-0492 ext. 124) with any questions about the documents.

1. Meeting memorandum
2. Agenda
3. Presentation, Council staff
4. Framework 68 / ABC Control Rules
 - a. Presentation, Evaluation of Risk Policy Integrated ABC Control Rules, University of Maine project team
 - b. Updated draft work plan
5. Amendment 23 Monitoring Review
 - a. PDT report
 - b. Previous presentations
 - [Presentation at May 27, 2026, Committee Meeting](#)
 - [Presentation at June 10, 2026, Committee Meeting](#)
 - [Presentation at June 2026 Council meeting](#)
6. Framework 74 / Specifications and Management Measures
 - a. Draft outline of alternatives

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 68 / ABC Control Rules</i>	3, 4a-4b	Receive an update on contract work to evaluate integration of risk policy with ABC control rules. Receive an overview of the updated draft work plan for the action.	Discussion.
<i>Amendment 23 Monitoring Review</i>	3, 5a-5b	Receive an update focused on additional information and new PDT analyses not previously presented. Discuss the completed review and outcomes. Consider potential future actions (<i>to be discussed during Council priorities recommendations later this year</i>).	Discussion, including questions and answers on the analyses and report. <u><i>This is the main opportunity for the public to ask questions and comment on the Amendment 23 review.</i></u>
<i>Framework 74 / Specifications and Management Measures</i>	3, 6a	Receive a progress report from the PDT on development of the action.	Discussion.

Upcoming Meetings

September 15-17 – Council Meeting Plymouth, MA, and by webinar
<https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/september-2026-council-meeting>

Note: There is no Groundfish Committee Report on the agenda. If needed, updates will be discussed under Council Planning.