



NEFMC SSC Workshop on Dynamic Reference Points

June 1-2, 2026, Hampton Inn, Boston Seaport District
670 Summer Street; Boston, MA
Joseph T. O'Callahan Ballroom

AGENDA

Monday, June 1			
Time	Title	Presenter	
8:30 - 9:00	Arrival and Coffee		
9:00 – 9:15	Welcome and Opening Remarks	Conor McManus Cate O'Keefe	NEFSC/SSC Chair NEFMC
9:15 – 9:30	Workshop Overview	Hannah MacDonald Laura Taylor Singer Willy Goldsmith	Facilitator SAMBAS Consulting Pelagic Strategies
MORNING SESSION: Setting the Stage – Where we are in 2026			
9:30 – 9:55	Presentation: Current Approaches and Challenges to Implementing Dynamic Reference Points	Lisa Kerr Jerelle Jesse	SSC & UMaine
9:55 – 10:15	Facilitated Discussion	All	
10:15 – 10:30	Break		
10:30 – 11:00	Presentation: Evolving Approaches to Revise Biological Reference Points in New England	Conor McManus	NEFSC/SSC
11:00 – 11:45	Panel Discussion	Lisa Kerr Jon Deroba Alex Hansell John Wiedenmann	UMaine/SSC NEFSC NEFSC Rutgers
11:45 – 12:15	Facilitated Discussion: Opportunities and Unintended Consequences	All	
12:15 – 1:15	Lunch		
AFTERNOON SESSION: Evaluating Reference Points and Considering Potential Guidelines			
1:15 – 1:30	Presentation: Considerations Regarding When to Change from Static to Dynamic Reference Points	Jon Deroba	NEFSC

1:30 – 2:15	Breakout group discussions		
2:15 – 2:30	Break and return to plenary		
2:30 – 3:00	Plenary: Report out and discussion		
3:00 – 3:15	Presentation: How to Change Dynamic Reference Points and What are the Practical Constraints	Jamie Cournane	NEFMC
3:15 – 4:00	Breakout group discussions		
4:00 – 4:45	Plenary: Report out and discussion		
4:45 – 5:00	Wrap Up and Preview of Day 2	Hannah MacDonald Laura Singer	Facilitators
5:00	Adjourn		

Tuesday, June 2			
Time	Title	Presenter	
8:30 - 9:00	Arrival and coffee		
9:00 – 9:10	Welcome: Goal Setting and Day 2 Overview	Hannah MacDonald Laura Singer	Facilitators
MORNING SESSION: Management Applications, Implementations Challenges and Opportunities			
9:10 – 9:45	Presentation: Policy and Legal Implications – National and Regional Perspectives	Wendy Morrison	NMFS/HQ
9:45– 10:25	Panel: Perspectives from Other Fishery Management Councils & Fisheries Commission	Willy Goldsmith Mike Wilberg Kai Lorenzen Jeff Kipp	Facilitator MAFMC SSC NEFMC/SAFMC ASMFC
10:25 – 11:15	Breakout group discussions		
11:15 – 11:25	Break and return to plenary		
11:25 – 12:15	Plenary: Report Out and Discussion		
12:15– 1:15	Lunch		

AFTERNOON SESSION: Toward Operational Guidance and Next Steps			
1:15 – 2:15	Discussion: Developing Operational Guidance for Dynamic Reference Points	Hannah MacDonald Laura Singer	Facilitators
2:15 – 2:30	Break		
2:30 – 3:20	Discussion continued		
3:20 – 4:00	Discussion: Identification of Future Work and Research Priorities		
4:00 – 4:30	Presentation: Next Steps & Wrap Up	Willy Goldsmith Hannah MacDonald Laura Singer	Consultant Facilitator Facilitator
4:30 – 4:45	Closing Remarks	Conor McManus	NEFSC/SSC
4:45	Adjourn Workshop		

Plenary sessions will be broadcast via Zoom (listen-only).
Meeting documents and zoom link available at:
<https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/jun-1-2-2026-ssc-meeting>