

**New England Fishery Management Council
Risk Policy Working Group Meeting
Danvers, MA and [Webinar – Register Here](#)
April 11, 2023**

Risk Policy Working Group Members	
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AGENDA

- 9:00 a.m. Welcome and Introductions, Hybrid Meeting Logistics**
- 9:20 a.m. Overview of Regional Fishery Management Council’s Risk Policies (J. Joyce)**
- 9:50 a.m. Overview of New England Fishery Management Council’s Risk Policy**
- 10:20 a.m. Break**
- 10:30 a.m. Perspectives on application of the Council’s Risk Policy**
 - **Mr. Tom Nies, NEFMC Executive Director**
 - **Dr. Lisa Kerr, SSC Chair**
 - **Working Group Feedback**
- 11:30 a.m. Development of Draft Terms of Reference for Approval at April Council meeting**
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch**
- 1:15 p.m. Continue developing draft TORs**
- 2:15 p.m. Review of SOPPs, Work Plan, and Future Topics**
- 3:00 p.m. Other Business**

MEETING MATERIALS

1. Meeting Information
 - a. Meeting Agenda
 - b. Meeting Memo from Working Group Chair, Ms. Megan Ware
2. Presentations (*to be provided*)
 - a. Overview of Regional Fishery Management Council Risk Policies (Joyce)
 - b. New England Fishery Management Council's Risk Policy (Peros)
 - c. Perspective on Application of NEFMC Risk Policy by SSC (Kerr)
 - d. Perspective on Application of NEFMC Risk Policy by Council (Nies)
 - e. Draft Terms of Reference (Ware and Peros)
 - f. Review of draft SOPPs, Work Plan, and Future Topics (Peros)
3. Draft Terms of Reference
 - a. Working Group Member input on Draft TORs
4. New England Fishery Management Council Risk Policy
 - a. Risk Policy
 - b. Risk Policy Road Map
5. Regional Fishery Management Council Risk Policy Overview
 - a. Summary Table of Regional Fishery Management Council's Risk Policies
6. Draft Statement of Organization, Practices, and Procedures
7. Correspondence

Background Materials

1. Risk policy and managing for uncertainty across the regional fishery management councils (2012)
2. Examples of Terms of Reference for SSC (include reference to Risk Policy)
 - a. Monkfish
 - b. Groundfish Stocks
3. Examples of Risk Policy Matrix prepared by NEFMC Staff
 - a. Atlantic Sea Scallops
 - b. Georges Bank Haddock
4. [Risk Policy Working Group webpage, with meeting materials from last process](#)