2022 NEFMC SSC Work Priorities (Version 1, 03/01/22)

Primary 2022 Work Priorities

		Target SSC Meeting dates				
1	Support Council activities such as recommending ABCs and making	August - October				
	recommendations in the FMP development process.					
1а	Atlantic herring ABCs (2023-2025)	Early August				
1b		Late August (before US/Canada				
	Georges Bank (GB) yellowtail flounder ABC (2023)	management meeting)				
1c	GB cod ABC (2023-2025)	Early August				
1d	Southern New England / Mid-Atlantic (SNE/MA) winter flounder ABC	Late Aug (tent.)				
	(2023-2025)					
1e	Provide input on draft rebuilding plan for Gulf of Maine (GOM) cod	Late Aug (tent.)				
1f	Provide input on draft rebuilding plan for SNE/MA winter flounder	October (tent.)				
1g	Atlantic sea scallop ABC (2023-2024)	Week of October 10				
1h	Monkfish ABC (2023-2025)	Week of October 10				
1i	ABCs for most stocks in the Multispecies FMP (2023-2025)	Week of Oct 24				
2	Consult with Council on development of ABC control rules for Northeast Multispecies stocks.	March - October (Sub-panel only) Full SSC update (TBD)				

Other 2022 Work Priorities

		Target SSC Meeting dates
3	NEW: General review of SSC roles and responsibilities	Early April
4	Review State of Ecosystem (SOE) Report prepared by NOAA Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC)	Early April
5	Provide annual input on Council research priorities	Early June
6	SSC Participation in regional stock assessments	All year (6 meetings)
7	Review Monkfish PDT analysis of discard estimation methods (Framework 13)	July
8	NEW: Provide input on draft 2023 Council work priorities	Late Aug/early Sept
?	TENTATIVE: Feedback on Northeast Regional Habitat Assessment (NRHA)	Spring/Summer
?	TENTATIVE: Review Monkfish fishery performance report	July
?	TENTATIVE: Review prototype EBFM MSE	Fall 2022 – Early 2023

2022 Target Timeline of Meetings

 SSC Meetings (Target dates in Red, sub-panel work in yellow) Early April (SSC roles and responsibilities, SOE review) Early June (GF ABC CR update (tent.), research priority recommendations, habitat assessment (tent.)) July – MF discard estimate and fishery performance review (tent.) Early August (ABCs for GB cod, SNE/MA winter flounder, and Atlantic herring, input on Council work priorities) Late Aug / Early Sept (input on GF rebuilding plans, GB YT ABC) Mid-Oct (monkfish ABC, scallop ABC) Late Oct (GF ABCs) SCS 7 – August 15-17 – Sitka, AK (several SSC members only) 	 Assessment Meetings (SSC Priority #6) January Research Track – January 25-27 (GOM Haddock only) March Research Track – March 28-31 (EGB/GB Haddock) March Research Track – March 7-11 (Butterfish and Illex squid) June Management Track - June 27-30 with AOP meeting on February 24 (Atlantic herring, Butterfish, Illex squid, SNE/MA winter flounder) US - Canada Joint TRAC Assessments – July 12-14 (GB YTF, EGB cod, EGB haddock) July Research Track – July 18-22 (American plaice, Spiny dogfish) September Management Track - September 19-23 with AOP meetings on May 24 for most gf stocks and monkfish and Aug 3 AOP for A. plaice and dogfish (16 stocks including monkfish, dogfish and gf stocks) November Research Track – Nov 14-18 (Black Sea Bass and Bluefish)
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NEFMC Meetings: Feb 1-3; Apr 12-14; Jun 28-30; Sept 27-29; Dec 6-8	

	2022 SSC Priorities	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
1a	Atlantic herring ABC								4				
1b	GB yellowtail flounder ABC									5			
1c	GB cod ABC								4				
1d	SNE/MA winter flounder ABC									5			
1e	Input on rebuilding plan for GOM cod									5			
1f	Input on rebuilding plan for SNE/MA winter flounder										6		
1g	Atlantic sea scallop ABC										6		
1h	Monkfish ABC										6		
1i	ABCs for most stocks in the Multispecies FMP										7		
2	Consult with Council on development of ABC control rules for Northeast Multispecies stocks (sub-panel only)												
3	New: General review of SSC roles and responsibilities				1								
4	Review State of Ecosystem Report by NEFSC.				1								
5	Provide annual input on Council research priorities						2						
7	Review Monkfish PDT analysis of discard estimation methods (Framework 13)							3					
8	NEW: Provide input on draft 2023 Council work priorities								4				
?	Tentative: Feedback on Northeast Regional Habitat Assessment (NRHA)						2						
?	Tentative: Review monkfish fishery performance report							3					
?	Tentative: Review prototype EBFM MSE												

2022 Proposed SSC Meetings – 7 meetings (plus several sub-panel meetings) (TARGET DATES IN PARENTHESES)

Early April	Early June	July	Early August	Late Aug /Early Sep	Mid- October	Late Oct
(4/1)	(6/7)	(7/27)	(8/4)	(8/25)	(10/12)	(10/26 and 10/27)
Planning meeting,	GF ABC CR update	MF discard	GB cod, SNE/MA	Input on GF rebuilding	Monkfish ABC	GF ABCs
SOE review	(tent.), research priority recommendations, review habitat assessment (tent.) (may be sub-panel with MAFMC SSC members)	estimate and fishery perf report (tent.)	WF, herring ABCs, Council priorities	plans, GB YT ABC	Scallop ABC	