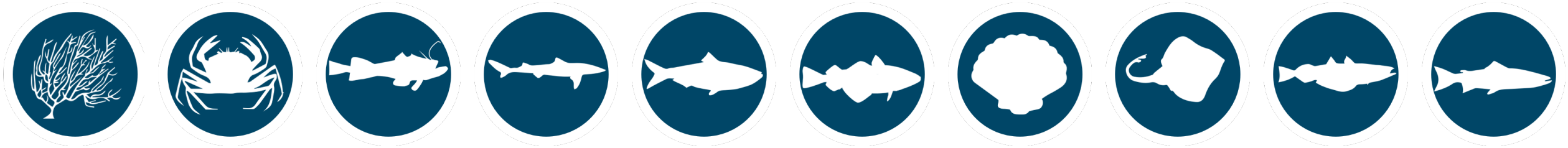
Management Timelines and Recent Actions



New England Fishery Management Council
Executive Committee
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Report to Council

- Updates and Status of Recent Council Actions
- Outlook of Management Timelines by Council Meeting (*next 5*)

No action required today, update for planning purposes



STATUS OF 2025 COUNCIL ACTIONS

FMP	Action Name / Focus	Final Action	NEPA	Preliminary Submission	Final Submission	Proposed Rule	Final Rule	Effective
Omnibus	Management Flexibility Action	23-Sep-25	CE	6-Nov-25	Resubmission 6-Apr-26	7-Aug-26	*NOAA Approval Letter Aug 4, 2026*	
Habitat	EFH Designation Framework	24-Sep-25	CE	10-Apr-26	7-Jul-26		*Received Oct 13, 2026-In Review EO 12866 Review at OIRA*	
Dogfish	Specifications and AM Framework	2-Dec-25	EA	30-Apr-26	*12-Nov-26*	13-Oct-26	*Rollover Provisions In Place until Replaced by Framework*	

STATUS OF 2026 COUNCIL ACTIONS

FMP	Action Name / Focus	Final Action	NEPA	Preliminary Submission	Final Submission	Proposed Rule	Final Rule	Effective
Herring	2027-2031 Specifications	15-Sep-26	SEA					
Groundfish	Framework 74		SIR					
Small Mesh	2027-2031 Specifications		SIR					
Scallops	2027-2028 Specification		SIR					
Habitat	EFH Designation Framework 2	16-Sep-26	CE					

**Status of recent Council Actions as November 10, 2026*

Outlook – December Meeting Overview

UPDATES	DECISION / REVIEW	REPORTS	INITIATE ACTION	FINAL ACTION
CCC & NRCC	Final Action on 2027 Work Priorities			Groundfish - FW74 – FY27-31 Specs and other measures
				Scallops - FY27-28 Specifications
				Small Mesh – Specifications for FY27-31

Council will discuss 2027 Work Priorities on Wednesday, December 9, 2026

Outlook of Management Timelines by Council Meeting

	2026		2027			
FMP / Priority	**September**	**December**	**February**	**April**	**June**	**September**
Groundfish						
Redfish Sector Exemption Review		2027+ Priorities				
Amendment 23 Review		2027+ Priorities				
FW68 - ABC Control Rule					SUBMISSION TO NOAA FISHERIES	
FW74 – FY27-31 Specs and other measures			SUBMISSION TO NOAA FISHERIES			
Recreational Measures						
Scallops						
FY27-28 Specifications			SUBMISSION TO NOAA FISHERIES			
FW 42 – DAS Measures and NGOM					SUBMISSION TO NOAA FISHERIES	
Develop new projection methods						

Outlook of Management Timelines by Council Meeting

	2026		2027			
Topic	**September**	**December**	**February**	**April**	**June**	**September**
Small Mesh 						
FY27-31 Specifications			*SUBMISSION TO* NOAA FISHERIES			
Habitat 						
EFH Framework 2		*SUBMISSION TO* NOAA FISHERIES				
GSC Clam Exemption Area Review	REPORT	2027+ Priorities				
Herring 						
FY27-31 Specs		*SUBMISSION TO* NOAA FISHERIES				
River Herring and Shad, other measures					*SUBMISSION TO* NOAA FISHERIES	
Monkfish & Skates 						
EO14276 – Council Priorities		2027+ Priorities				

Outlook of Management Timelines by Council Meeting

	2026			2027		
FMP / Priority	**September**	**December**	**February**	**April**	**June**	**September**
Updates						
Council Work Priorities						
Risk Policy						
Holistic Strategic Plan						
CCC & NRCC						
Ecosystem Component Species		 2027+ Priorities				
Vessel Baseline Evaluation		 2027+ Priorities				
Inflation Reduction Act Initiatives						