



# NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

## 2026-2027 Outlook of Management Timelines by Council Meeting

|             |                       |            |                     |                  |
|-------------|-----------------------|------------|---------------------|------------------|
| UPDATES<br> | DECISION / REVIEW<br> | REPORT<br> | INITIATE ACTION<br> | FINAL ACTION<br> |
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Updated July 22, 2026

|                                           | 2026 |           |                      | 2027          |       |               |
|-------------------------------------------|------|-----------|----------------------|---------------|-------|---------------|
| FMP / Priority                            | June | September | December             | February      | April | June          |
| <b>Groundfish</b>                         |      |           |                      |               |       |               |
| Redfish Sector Exemption Review           |      |           | <br>2027+ Priorities |               |       |               |
| Amendment 23 Review                       |      |           | <br>2027+ Priorities |               |       |               |
| FW68 - ABC Control Rule                   |      |           |                      |               |       | SUBMISSION TO |
| FW74 – FY27-FY31 Specs and Other Measures |      |           |                      | SUBMISSION TO |       |               |
| Recreational Measures                     |      |           |                      |               |       |               |
| <b>Scallops</b>                           |      |           |                      |               |       |               |
| FY27-28 Specifications                    |      |           |                      | SUBMISSION TO |       |               |
| FW 42 – DAS Measures and NGOM             |      |           |                      |               |       | SUBMISSION TO |
| Develop new Projection Methods            |      |           |                      |               |       |               |
| <b>Monkfish &amp; Skates</b>              |      |           |                      |               |       |               |
| Monkfish/Skate Listening Sessions         |      |           |                      |               |       |               |
| <b>Herring</b>                            |      |           |                      |               |       |               |
| FY27-31 Specifications                    |      |           | SUBMISSION TO        |               |       |               |
| River Herring and Shad, other measures    |      |           |                      |               |       | SUBMISSION TO |
| <b>Small-Mesh</b>                         |      |           |                      |               |       |               |
| FY27-31 Specification                     |      |           |                      | SUBMISSION TO |       |               |
| <b>Habitat</b>                            |      |           |                      |               |       |               |
| EFH Framework 2                           |      |           | SUBMISSION TO        |               |       |               |
| GSC Clam Exemption Area Review            |      |           | <br>2027+ Priorities |               |       |               |
| <b>Risk Policy</b>                        |      |           |                      |               |       |               |
| Revised Concept & Weightings              |      |           |                      |               |       |               |
| <b>Other Updates</b>                      |      |           |                      |               |       |               |
| Holistic Strategic Plan                   |      |           |                      |               |       |               |
| Regional Stock Prioritization             |      |           |                      |               |       |               |
| Ecosystem Component Species               |      |           | <br>2027+ Priorities |               |       |               |
| Vessel Baseline Evaluation                |      |           | <br>2027+ Priorities |               |       |               |
| Inflation Reduction Act Initiatives       |      |           |                      |               |       |               |

# STATUS OF RECENT COUNCIL ACTIONS – September 2026

| 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<br>6-Apr-26 | <i>Notice of Availability Published May 14, 2026<br/>Comment deadline closed July 13, 2026</i> |                                                                     |           |
| Groundfish | Framework 69                    | 4-Dec-25     | EA   | 7-Jan-25               | 11-Mar-25                | 7-Jan-26                                                                                       | 8-Mar-26                                                            | 9-Mar-26  |
| Groundfish | Amendment 25 Revised            | 24-Sep-25    | EA   | 12-Dec-25              | 5-Mar-26                 | 18-Mar-26                                                                                      | 30-June-26                                                          | 30-Jun-26 |
| Groundfish | Framework 72                    | 3-Dec-25     | SIR  | 3-Mar-26               | 23-Apr-26                | Interim Final Rule Effective August 4, 2026<br>Public Comment through September 3, 2026        |                                                                     |           |
| Scallops   | Framework 40                    | 3-Dec-25     | SIR  | 5-Jan-26               | 4-Feb-26                 | N/A                                                                                            | 27-Mar-26                                                           | 1-Apr-26  |
| Skate      | Specifications                  | 23-Sep-25    | SIR  | 17-Nov-26              | 11-Feb-26                | 26-Mar-26                                                                                      | 15-Jun-26                                                           | 15-Jun-26 |
| Monkfish   | Framework 17                    | 23-Sep-25    | SIR  | 24-Nov-25              | 20-Jan-26                | 23-Apr-26                                                                                      | 27-Aug-26                                                           | 28-Sep-26 |
| Habitat    | EFH Designation Framework       | 24-Sep-25    | CE   | 10-Apr-26              | 7-Jul-26                 |                                                                                                |                                                                     |           |
| Dogfish    | Specifications and AM Framework | 2-Dec-26     | EA   | 30-Apr-26              |                          |                                                                                                | <i>Rollover Provisions In Place<br/>until Replaced by Framework</i> |           |

*\*Status of recent Council Actions as of August 26, 2026*