

## 2021 NEFMC SSC Work Priorities (Version 2, 03/23/21)

### Primary 2021 Work Priorities

		Target Timeline
1	Support Council activities such as recommending ABCs and making recommendations in the FMP development process.	
1a	<i>Herring rebuilding plan</i>	March 26; and July 29 (if needed)
1b	<i>GBYT ABC for TRAC</i>	August 24
1c	<i>Skate ABCs</i>	July 29
1d	<i>Scallop ABC</i>	October 13
1e	<i>Groundfish ABCs (4 stocks)</i>	October 25
2	SSC Review of <i>Evaluation of Alternative Management Procedures for NE Groundfish</i> , Gulf of Maine Institute (GMRI).	May 11
3	Develop recommendations for modifying Groundfish ABC control rule for Council consideration.	May – June (or through July if more time needed)

### Other 2021 Work Priorities

		Target Timeline
4	Review of sample social and economic impact analyses included in documents prepared by PDTs for NEFMC Council actions.	Mar – May (public meeting April 28)
5	Review State of Ecosystem (SOE) Report by NEFSC.	March 26
6	Assessment participation	
6a	<i>Management Track Assessment (GB cod, GOM cod, GB haddock, GOM haddock)</i>	Sept 13-18 (and AOP meetings prior)
6b	<i>Research Track Assessment (haddock)</i>	July 14-16
7	Provide annual input on Council research priorities	June 8

### Assessment Participation

Dates	Agenda	Participants
July 12-16	TRAC - GB YTF and EGB cod	TBD
July 14-16	Haddock Research Track	TBD
Sept 13-18	GF Management Track	TBD

### SSC Leads

Topic	Participants
SSC Social Science Subpanel Review of Groundfish and Scallops Specifications	Williams (Chair), Birkenbach, St. Martin, Stockwell, Uchida, and Thunberg (invited)
SSC leads for Review of <i>Evaluation of Alternative Management Procedures for NE Groundfish</i> , Gulf of Maine Institute (GMRI)	TBD
Development of GF ABC CRs	TBD

## 2021 Target Timeline of Meetings

### SSC Meetings (In green)

- March 26 (Herring rebuilding, SOE review)
- April 28 (SSC Social Science of Groundfish and Scallops Specifications)
- May 11 (Review Groundfish ABC work by GMRI)
- June 8 (Groundfish ABC control rules, research recommendations, Social Science Subpanel Report)
- July 29 (Herring rebuilding (if needed), Groundfish ABC CR, Skate ABCs)
- August 24 (Georges Bank yellowtail flounder ABC)
- October 13 (Scallop ABC recommendations)
- October 25 (GF ABC recommendations)

### NEFMC Meetings

Jan 26-28; Apr 13-15; Jun 22-24; Sept 28-30; Dec 7-9

### Assessment Meetings (In red)

- June Management Track Assessment - June 28-July 1 with AOP meeting on February 25 (Mid-Atlantic species only)
- US - Canada TRAC Assessments (Georges Bank yellowtail flounder and Eastern GB cod) – July 12-16
- Haddock Research Track Assessment - July 14-16
- September Management Track Assessment - September 13-18 with AOP meeting on May 26
- November Research Track Assessment – Nov 15-19 (Mid-Atlantic species only)

		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
1a	Herring rebuilding plan			●				●					
1b	GBYT ABC for TRAC								●				
1c	Skate ABCs							●					
1d	Scallop ABC										●		
1e	Groundfish ABCs										●		
2	Review of Evaluation of Alternative Management Procedures for NE Groundfish (GMRI).				—●								
3	Develop recommendations for modifying Groundfish ABC control rule for Council consideration.				—●			●					
4	Review sample social and economic impact analyses included in documents prepared by PDTs for NEFMC Council actions.			—●		—●		●					
5	Review State of Ecosystem Report by NEFSC.			●									
6a	June Management Track Assessment (MA species only – mackerel, BSB, bluefish, golden tilefish, scup, and summer flounder)						●						
6b	US - Canada TRAC Assessments (GB YTF and EGB cod)							●					
6c	Research Track Assessment (haddock)							●					
6c	Sept Management Track Assessment (cod, haddock, scallops)									●			
6d	Research Track Assessment (MA species only – illex, butterfish)											●	
7	Provide annual input on Council research priorities						●						