

2024 Tasks

		Target for when SSC input is needed/confirmed date
Recommend OFLs and ABCs (whole SSC)		
1a	<i>Atlantic herring (2025-2026)</i>	early August
1b	<i>Cod (4 stocks; 2025-2026)</i>	early August
1c	<i>Georges Bank yellowtail flounder ABC (2025-2026)</i>	early September
1d	<i>Other Northeast multispecies ABC: GOM/GB haddock, Am. plaice, halibut, pollock, witch flounder (2025-2026)</i>	October
1e	<i>Scallop ABC (2025-2026)</i>	October
Continued Tasks		
2	Consult with Council on development of ABC control rules for Northeast multispecies stocks (whole SSC)	possibly summer
3	Planning SCS8 workshop of all the Councils' SSCs (NEFMC's SSC has lead in organizing. SSC Chair, Vice-Chair and staff serve on planning committee. SCS8 meeting to occur August 2024.)	Ongoing, workshop August 26-28
4	Support Council updates to Risk Policy (3-4 SSC members on working group; need full SSC input).	Work group ongoing, need full SSC input ahead of June Council meeting
5	Explore need for standing socioeconomic sub-panel.	Ongoing
New/Emerging Tasks		
6	Review Atlantic cod stock structure MSE (SSC sub-panel)	March 27
7	Review NEFSC's survey mitigation plans re offshore wind (SSC sub-panel, joint with MAFMC and ASMFC)	May 22-24
8	Participate in focused workshops as part of the Cod Transition Plan to identify challenges and develop alternatives for addressing Atlantic cod management considering the new stock units (full SSC will be invited to participate, aim for a few members attending each)	3 one-day in-person workshops before April Council meeting
9	Review NEFSC's scallop survey plans (SSC sub-panel)	TBD
10	Receive update on the climate action planning work of the Climate Core Team and comment on how findings of the SOE report can be integrated.	May-June
11	Review updates to the Council's list of <i>Research Priorities and Data Needs</i>	before June Council mtg, via e-mail with brief check-in at a meeting
12	Review work that supports considering certain stocks as possible Ecosystem Components: thorny skate, individual stocks of yellowtail flounder (NS1 Guidelines)	This may not need SSC review until 2025
Standing Tasks		
13	General review of SSC timeline, roles, and responsibilities (whole SSC)	First full-SSC meeting, may have short updates throughout year
14	Review <i>State of Ecosystem Report</i> (whole SSC)	May-June
15	SSC participation in stock assessment oversight panel (AOP) and peer reviews (selected SSC members)	All year
16	Provide input on draft 2025 SSC work priorities (whole SSC)	Early September

Timeline of 2024 Meetings

Meeting and topics (Item # from table above)	Date	Location	Council staff/SSC leads
Risk Policy Working Group Meeting (#4)	Jan 10	New Bedford, hybrid	SSC on panel: Kerr, McNamee, St. Martin, Williams Staff: Peros
NEFMC	Jan 30 - Feb 1	Portsmouth, NH, hybrid	<i>no SSC report</i>
RT Peer Review Applying State Space Models	Feb 12-16	Woods Hole, hybrid	SSC on panel: Chen
Risk Policy Working Group Meeting (#4)	Feb 27, afternoon	Webinar	SSC on panel: Kerr, McNamee, St. Martin, Williams Staff: Peros
AOP for June MT Cod, herring, surfclam, black sea bass, butterfish	Feb 28	Webinar	SSC representative: Kerr
SSC sub-panel Atlantic Cod MSE review (#6)	March 27, afternoon	Webinar	SSC on panel: McNamee (chair), Camp, Lawson, Lorenzen, Wiedenmann, Williams Staff: Feeney, Frede, Forristall
Cod Transition Plan Workshops (#8)	March - April TBD (3 one-day)	in-person, likely Portland, Gloucester, and RI	Whole SSC invited, potentially have 5-7 SSC members per workshop Staff: Feeney, Frede, Forristall
AOP for June MT Golden tilefish	April 4	Webinar	SSC representative: Kerr, with McManus as back-up
NEFMC	April 16-18	Mystic, CT, hybrid	SSC report: McManus (NHRA sub-panel), McNamee (cod MSE)
Research Track Steering Cte	April 24-26	Woods Hole, hybrid	SSC representative: Merrick Other SSC members on Cte: McManus, Kerr
FULL SSC General orientation Review 2024 SSC work plan Update on Cod MSE (#6) Planning for ABC leads Input on SCS8 planning (#3)	May 14	Boston, hybrid	Staff: Feeney, Cournane, Frede, Forristall Climate planning: Bachman
CCC meeting Update on SCS8 plans (#3)	May 20-22	San Juan, hybrid	SSC representative: Kerr Staff: Feeney
Joint SSC sub-panel Review NEFSC survey plans (#10)	May 22-24	Woods Hole or Narragansett, hybrid	SSC on panel: Chen, Delargy, Merrick Staff: Feeney
AOP for Sept MT Plaice, halibut, haddock (2 stocks), pollock, witch flounder	May 23	webinar, full day	SSC representative: Kerr
NRCC	May 29-30	DC area	SSC representative: Kerr
FULL SSC Risk Policy (#4)	June 12	Boston, hybrid	Staff: Feeney, Applegate, Bachman, Bodell, Cournane, Peros

NEFMC SSC Work Plan for 2024

Update: February 23, 2024

Meeting and topics (Item # from table above)	Date	Location	Council staff/SSC leads
Social science in SSC process (#5) Research priorities (#11) Review SOE report (#14) Climate planning (#10)			SOE Report: Sarah Gaichas, NEFSC
MT Peer Review Atlantic cod	June 18-21	Woods Hole, hybrid	SSC on panel: Wiedenmann (Chair), Lorenzen
MT Peer Review Atlantic herring, surfclam, black sea bass, butterfish	June 24-28	Woods Hole, hybrid	SSC on panel: Camp
NEFMC	June 25-27	Freeport, hybrid	SSC report: Kerr
TRAC Peer Review GB YTF, EGB cod, EGB haddock	July 16-18	Woods Hole, hybrid	SSC on panel: Serchuk
Full SSC Update on Cod MSE (#11) Herring ABC (#1a) Cod ABC (#1b)	early Aug	TBD	SSC representative: Kerr Staff: Feeney, Cournane, Forristall, Frede,
SCS8 Workshop	August 26-28	Boston	SSC representative: Kerr, McManus, plus three Staff: Feeney
Full SSC GB YTF ABC (#1c) Input on 2025 SSC priorities (#12)	Sept (before TMGC)	TBD	SSC representative: Kerr Staff: Feeney, Cournane, Frede, Forristall
MT Peer Review Plaice, halibut, haddock (2 stocks), pollock, witch flounder	Sept 16-19	Woods Hole, hybrid	SSC on panel: Merrick (Chair), McNamee
NEFMC	Sept 24-26	Gloucester, hybrid	SSC representative: Kerr
Full SSC Plaice, halibut, haddock, pollock, witch flounder (#1d) Scallop ABC (#1e)	2 days in October?	TBD	Staff: Feeney, Cournane, Forristall, Frede, Peros
CCC meeting SCS8 outcomes (#3)	Oct 16-17	Washington DC, hybrid	SSC representative: Kerr Staff: Feeney
NRCC	Nov TBD	TBD	SSC representative: Kerr
RT Peer Review Yellowtail flounder (3 stocks)	Nov 18-22	Woods hole, hybrid	SSC on panel: Chen (Chair)
NEFMC	Dec 3-5	Newport, hybrid	SSC representative: Kerr
Green: Meetings of the full SSC Orange: Meetings of an SSC sub-panel Blue: Peer reviews that the NEFMC is providing an SSC member as a reviewer			

Service on SSC sub-panels or other committees

SSC sub-panel/Committee	SSC members assigned
Ongoing from 2023	
Research Track Steering Committee	Merrick is SSC rep Kerr and McManus also on Cte
Assessment Oversight Panel	Kerr, McManus (alternate)
NEFMC Risk Policy Working Group	Kerr, McNamee, St. Martin, Williams
SCS8 meeting planning	Kerr (Chair), McManus (Vice-Chair)
Explore need for standing socioeconomic sub-panel	The social scientists are meeting informally
New in 2024	
Review NEFSC survey OSW mitigation plan (Joint with MAFMC, ASMFC)	Chen, Delargy, Merrick. MAFMC SSC member will be Chair.
Cod MSE review	McNamee (Chair), Camp, Lorenzen, Lawson, Wiedenman, Williams
Review NEFSC scallop survey plan	TBD

Service on peer review panels

2024 Peer Reviews	SSC member needs	SSC members assigned
RT Peer Review - February Applied State-Spaced Modeling	Need 1 SSC member to Chair (a Chair to be selected from ASMFC, NEFMC or MAFMC)	Chen (Chair)
MT Peer Review - June 18, 20, 21 Atlantic cod	Need 1 SSC member to Chair and 1 to serve on panel	Wiedenmann (Chair), Lorenzen (Panelist)
MT Peer Review - June 24-28 Atlantic herring, Surfclam, black sea bass, butterflyfish	Need 1 SSC member to serve on panel	Camp (Panelist)
TRAC - July GB YTF, EGB cod, EGB haddock	Need 1 SSC member to serve on panel	Serchuk (Panelist)
MT Peer Review - September Plaice, halibut, haddock (2 stocks), pollock, witch flounder	Need 1 SSC member to Chair and 1 to serve on the panel	Merrick (Chair), McNamee (Panelist)
RT Peer Review - November Yellowtail flounder (3 stocks)	Need 1 SSC member to Chair	Chen (Chair)

Service as stock lead for OFL/ABC discussion at SSC meetings

Stock	SSC meeting	SSC member assigned
Atlantic herring	July	
Georges Bank yellowtail flounder	Early Sept	
Atlantic cod (4 stocks)	Early Sept	
Scallops	October	
American plaice	October	
Atlantic halibut	October	
GOM and GB haddock	October	
Pollock	October	
Witch flounder	October	