

2025 Tasks

		Target for when SSC input is needed/confirmed date
Recommend OFLs and ABCs (whole SSC)		
1a	<i>Atlantic herring (2025-2026)</i>	April
1b	<i>Skates (2026-2027)</i>	August
1c	<i>Monkfish (2026-2028): northern and southern</i>	August
1d	<i>Scallop (2026-2027)</i>	October
1e	<i>US/Canada multispecies stocks (2026-2027): GB cod, GB haddock, GB yellowtail flounder</i>	October (post TMGC)
1f	<i>Other Northeast multispecies stocks (2026-2028): yellowtail flounder (CC/GOM and SNE/MA), winter flounder (GOM, GB, SNE/MA), Acadian redfish, white hake, windowpane flounder (northern and southern), ocean pout, wolffish</i>	October
Continued Tasks		
2	Support Council implementation of Risk Policy, review simulation testing of revised risk policy concept	ongoing
3	Finalize SCS8 report and hold SCS webinar to discuss progress on action items, report progress to CCC; participate in SCS9 planning (a few SSC members)	ahead of May 2025 CCC mtg, SCS9 ongoing
New/Emerging Tasks		
4	Serve on Climate and Ecosystem Steering Committee (3 SSC members)	2+ meetings annually
5	Review methods for including data on catch by lobster traps in Atlantic cod stock assessments (sub-panel)	early April
6	Prepare for 2026 SSC workshop on non-stationarity in reference points and control rules	fall-winter
7	Participate in SSC Social Science Subcommittee (4 SSC members)	2+ meetings annually (June and fall)
8	Comment on scallop catch-setting methods following research track assessment	August
Standing Tasks		
9	Review of SSC roles, and responsibilities (new SSC members)	late winter
10	Review <i>State of Ecosystem Report</i>	early April
11	SSC participation in stock assessment oversight panel (AOP) and peer reviews (selected SSC members)	spring and fall
12	Provide input on draft 2026 SSC work priorities	fall

Timeline of 2025 public meetings involving SSC members*

* Does not list meetings of the Climate and Ecosystem Steering Committee, Risk Policy Working Group, and the Assessment Working Group; all public meetings are accessible via www.nefmc.org.

Meeting and topics	Date	Location	SSC and Council staff leads
NEFMC Appoint new SSC nominees; <i>Operations Handbook</i> updates	Jan 28-30	Portsmouth, NH, hybrid	Staff: Feeney
AOP for June MT	February 27 morning	webinar	SSC on panel: McManus Staff: Cournane
RT Peer Review Atlantic herring	March 10-14	Woods Hole, hybrid	SSC on panel: McManus Staff: Cournane, Bodell
SCS SCS8 follow-up	March 20 afternoon	webinar	SSC: Kerr Staff: Feeney
Full SSC Atlantic herring ABC; Updates to 2025 workplan; SCS updates and input	April 4 morning	webinar	Staff: Feeney, Cournane, Bodell
Full SSC Review SOE report; Nominate SSC Chair & Vice-Chair	April 9 morning	webinar	Staff: Feeney
SSC Subpanel Cod discards in lobster traps	April 11 afternoon	webinar	SSC on panel: Camp, Delargy, Merrick Staff: Feeney, Frede, Miller
NEFMC	April 15-17	Mystic, CT, hybrid	SSC report: Kerr
RT Peer Review Atlantic sea scallops	April 21-24	Woods Hole, hybrid	SSC on panel: Miller (MAFMC SSC) Staff: Cournane, Peros
SCS Planning for SCS9	April 24	webinar	Staff: Feeney
CCC SCS8 follow-up	May 13-15	New Bedford, hybrid	SSC representative: Kerr Staff: Feeney
NRCC	May 21-22	Annapolis, hybrid	SSC representative: Kerr Staff: Cournane
AOP for Sept MT	May 22	webinar	SSC representative: Kerr Staff: Cournane, Frede
Social Science Subcommittee Initial meeting	June 3	Narragansett , hybrid	SSC on panel: Birkenbach, Nenadovic, St. Martin, Uchida Staff: Feeney
MT Peer Review Atlantic mackerel, black sea bass, bluefish, illex squid, scup, summer flounder	June 23-27	Woods Hole, hybrid	SSC on panel: McNamee Staff: Cournane
NEFMC	June 24-26	Freeport, hybrid	SSC SSS report: Uchida
FULL SSC ABC setting: monkfish (northern and southern), skates; Scallop catch-setting methods;	August 19	Boston, hybrid	Staff: Feeney, Couture, Bodell, Buckley, Nelson

NEFMC SSC Work Plan for 2025

Update: July 10, 2025

Meeting and topics	Date	Location	SSC and Council staff leads
Updates on Social Science Subcommittee			
NRCC intersessional Discuss assessment schedules	August 20	Webinar	SSC representative: McManus Staff: Cournane
MT Peer Review yellowtail flounder (3 stocks), winter flounder (3 stocks), Acadian redfish, white hake	Sept 15-19	Woods Hole, hybrid	SSC on panel: Camp Staff: Cournane, Frede
Social Science Subcommittee	Fall TBD	TBD	SSC on panel: Birkenbach, Nenadovic, St. Martin, Uchida Staff: Feeney
NEFMC	Sept 23-25	Gloucester, hybrid	SSC report: McManus
Full SSC ABC setting: scallop, ocean pout, wolffish	Oct 8	TBD, hybrid	Staff: Feeney, Frede, Buckley, Nelson
Full SSC ABC setting: US/Canada multispecies stocks (GB cod, haddock, yellowtail flounder), yellowtail flounder (CC/GOM and SNE/MA), winter flounder (GOM, GB, SNE/MA), Acadian redfish, white hake; Input on 2026 SSC priorities	Oct 21-22	TBD, hybrid	Staff: Feeney, Frede
Research Track Steering Cte	October TBD	TBD	SSC representative: Merrick
NRCC	Nov TBD	TBD	SSC representative: McManus
NEFMC	Dec 2-4	Newport, hybrid	SSC report: McManus

Service on SSC subpanels or other committees

SSC sub-panel/Committee	SSC members assigned
Ongoing from 2024	
Research Track Steering Committee	Merrick is SSC rep Kerr and McManus also on Cte
Assessment Oversight Panel	McManus, Camp (alternate)
NEFMC Risk Policy Working Group	Kerr, McNamee, St. Martin
New in 2025	
Climate and Ecosystem Steering Committee	Kerr, Lawson, Staudinger
Subpanel to review cod discards from lobster traps	Delargy (Chair), Camp, Merrick, Burton Shank (NEFSC)
Social Science Subcommittee	Uchida (Chair), Birkenbach, Murphy (SSB), Nenadovic, St. Martin, Sierra (SSB)

Service on peer review panels

2025 Peer Reviews	SSC member needs	SSC members assigned
RT Peer Review – March Herring	Chair	McManus
RT Peer Review – April Scallops	Chair	Tom Miller (MAFMC SSC)
MT Peer Review - June Atlantic mackerel, black sea bass, bluefish, ilex squid, scup, summer flounder	1 Panelist	Jason McNamee
MT Peer Review - September yellowtail flounder (3 stocks), winter flounder (3 stocks), Acadian redfish, white hake	Chair and 1 Panelist	Edward Camp (Chair), Jeremy Collie (URI; panelist)

Service as stock lead for ABC discussion at SSC meetings

SSC meeting	Stock	SSC member assigned
April 4	Atlantic herring	Kerr, McManus
Aug 19	Northern monkfish	Kerr
	Southern monkfish	Kerr
	Skates	TBD
Oct 8	Scallops	TBD
	Ocean pout	TBD
	Wolffish	TBD
Oct 21-22	GB cod	TBD
	GB haddock	TBD
	GB yellowtail flounder	TBD
	CC/GOM yellowtail flounder	TBD
	SNE/MA yellowtail flounder	TBD
	GOM winter flounder	TBD
	GB winter flounder	TBD
	SNE/MA winter flounder	TBD
	Acadian redfish	TBD
	White hake	TBD