

2026 Tasks		Target for when SSC input is needed/confirmed date
<b>Recommend OFLs and ABCs (whole SSC)</b>		
1a	<i>White hake (2026-2030)</i>	January 21
1b	<i>Atlantic herring (2027-2031)</i> <i>GB haddock (2027-2031)</i>	July
1c	<i>Scallop (2027-2028)</i>	October
1d	<i>Red hake and silver hake (2027-2031)</i>	October
1e	<i>US/Canada multispecies stocks (2027): GB cod, GB haddock, GB yellowtail flounder</i>	October
1f	<i>Other Northeast multispecies stocks (2027-2031): GOM haddock, American plaice, Atlantic halibut, witch flounder, pollock, northern windowpane flounder, southern windowpane flounder</i>	October
<b>Tasks continued from 2025</b>		
2	Support Council implementation of Risk Policy: e.g., review simulation testing of revised risk policy concept; discuss approaches for setting specifications for longer (5-year) timeframes (whole SSC)	March/April
3	SSC workshop on non-stationarity in reference points and control rules (whole SSC, with 2 members on steering committee)	June
<b>New tasks</b>		
4	Review research on monkfish catch per unit effort indices (SSC subpanel)	February/March
5	Review methods for scallop projections (SSC subpanel)	July-August
6	Review methods for setting Atlantic herring fishery time/area closures and catch caps that would prevent bycatch of river herring and shad (SSC subpanel)	July-August
7	Consult with Council on development of ABC control rules for Northeast multispecies stocks (whole SSC)	August
8	Review permit portfolio analysis of Greater Atlantic region (SSC subpanel)	Fall
<b>Standing Tasks</b>		
9	General review of SSC timeline, roles, and responsibilities (whole SSC as needed)	First full-SSC meeting, may have short updates throughout year
10	Review <i>State of Ecosystem Report</i> (whole SSC)	March/April
11	Serve on Climate and Ecosystem Steering Committee (3 SSC members)	2-3 meetings annually
12	Serve on SSC Social Sciences Subcommittee (4 SSC members)	2-3 meetings annually
13	SSC participation in Assessment Oversight Panel (AOP), peer reviews (selected SSC members), and Assessment Working Group (AWG)	All year
14	Provide input on draft 2027 SSC work priorities (whole SSC)	Fall

**Timeline of 2026 public meetings involving SSC members\***

\* Excludes meetings of the Climate and Ecosystem Steering Committee, Risk Policy Working Group, and the Assessment Working Group; all public meetings information is accessible via [www.nefmc.org](http://www.nefmc.org).

Meeting and topics	Date	Location	SSC and Council staff leads
<b>SSC</b> White hake SSC workshop planning	Jan 21	webinar	Staff: Cournane, Feeney, Frede
<b>NEFMC</b> Appoint SSC nominees	Jan 28-29	webinar	Staff: Feeney
<b>SSC SSS</b> Fishery data products & reporting Informing 2026 Council work	February 24	webinar	Staff: Feeney
<b>AOP for June MTA</b>	Likely Feb	webinar	SSC on panel: McManus Staff: Cournane
<b>SSC subpanel</b> Monkfish CPUE review	March 13	webinar	Staff: Couture, Feeney
<b>SSC</b> SOE Report Risk Policy	March 30	TBD, hybrid	Staff: Feeney, Peros
<b>NEFMC</b>	April 14-16	Portland, ME hybrid	SSC report: McManus
<b>FIMS CIE Review</b>	April 21-23	webinar	SSC on panel: Wiedenmann
<b>AOP for Sept MTA</b>	Likely May	webinar	SSC representative: McManus Staff: Cournane, Frede
<b>NRCC</b>	May 27-28	TBD	SSC representative: McManus Staff: O'Keefe, Cournane
<b>SSC Workshop</b> Dynamic Reference Points	June 1-2	TBD, In-person	Staff: Cournane, Feeney
<b>MTA Peer Review</b>	June	Woods Hole, hybrid	SSC on panel: TBD Staff: Cournane, Frede
<b>NEFMC</b>	June 23-25	Mystic, CT hybrid	SSC report: McManus
<b>SSC</b> ABCs: A. herring, GB haddock Summary of ref. pts. workshop Groundfish ABC control rules	July (potentially >1 day)	TBD	Staff: Cournane, Frede, Feeney
<b>SSC subpanel</b> A. herring fishery bycatch methods	July-early Aug	TBD	Staff: Cournane, Feeney
<b>SSC subpanel</b> Scallop projection methods	July-Aug	TBD	Staff: Buckley, Feeney
<b>SSC SSS</b>	Summer, TBD	TBD	Staff: Feeney
<b>MTA Peer Review</b>	September	Woods Hole, hybrid	SSC on panel: TBD Staff: Cournane, Frede
<b>NEFMC</b>	Sept 15-17	Plymouth, hybrid	SSC report: McManus

## NEFMC SSC Work Plan for 2026

Update: January 14, 2026

Meeting and topics	Date	Location	SSC and Council staff leads
<b>SSC</b> ABCs: scallops, northern and southern windowpane flounder, witch flounder, halibut	Early Oct	TBD	Staff: Buckley, Feeney, Applegate/Frede
<b>SSC</b> ABCs: other groundfish, red and silver hake	Late Oct	TBD	Staff: Feeney, Applegate/Frede
<b>SSC SSS subpanel</b> Permit portfolio project	Fall	TBD	Staff: Couture, Feeney
<b>NRCC</b>	Fall	TBD	SSC representative: McManus Staff: O'Keefe, Cournane
<b>NEFMC</b>	Dec 8-10	Newport, hybrid	SSC report: McManus

### Service on SSC subcommittee, Council work group, or other committees

SSC subpanel/Committee	SSC members assigned
Assessment Oversight Panel	McManus, Camp (alternate)
NEFMC Climate and Ecosystem Steering Committee	Kerr, Lawson, Staudinger
Research Track Steering Committee (currently paused)	Merrick is SSC rep; Kerr and McManus also on Cte
NEFMC Risk Policy Working Group	Kerr, Lawson, McNamee, St. Martin
SSC Social Science Subcommittee	Uchida (Chair), Birkenbach, Murphy (SSB), Nenadovic, St. Martin, Seara (SSB)
Assessment Working Group	Merrick

### Service on peer review panels

2026 Peer Reviews	SSC member needed	SSC members assigned
<b>Fisheries Integrated Modeling System (FIMS) CIE Review – April</b>	1 Panelist	John Wiedenmann
<b>MTA Peer Review - June</b> Georges Bank haddock Atlantic herring	TBD	TBD
<b>MTA Peer Review - September</b> American plaice Gulf of Maine haddock	TBD	TBD

## Service as stock lead for ABC discussion at SSC meetings

SSC meeting	Stock	SSC member assigned
Jan 21	White hake (MTA)	TBD
July-early August	Atlantic herring (MTA)	TBD
	Georges Bank haddock (MTA)	TBD
Early October	Atlantic sea scallops (data update)	TBD
other October (TBD)	Red hake (data update)	TBD
	Silver hake (data update)	TBD
	GOM haddock (MTA)	TBD
	American plaice (MTA)	TBD
	Atlantic halibut (data update)	TBD
	Witch flounder (data update)	TBD
	Pollock (data update)	TBD
	Northern windowpane flounder (data update)	TBD
	Southern windowpane flounder (data update)	TBD