

| 2026 Tasks                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Target for when SSC input is needed/confirmed date             |
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| <b>Recommend OFLs and ABCs (whole SSC)</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                |
| 1a                                         | <i>White hake (2026-2030)</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | January                                                        |
| 1b                                         | <i>Atlantic herring (2027-2031)</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                | August                                                         |
| 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., feedback on application of factor criteria and scoring; discuss approaches for setting specifications for longer (5-year) timeframes (whole SSC), demonstration of Risk Policy implementation | March, August                                                  |
| 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)                                                                                                                                                                           | March                                                          |
| 5                                          | Review methods for setting Atlantic herring fishery time/area closures and catch caps that would prevent bycatch of river herring and shad (SSC subpanel)                                                                                          | November                                                       |
| 6                                          | Review permit portfolio analysis of Greater Atlantic region (SSC subpanel)                                                                                                                                                                         | November                                                       |
| <b>Standing Tasks</b>                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                                                |
| 7                                          | General review of SSC timeline, roles, and responsibilities (whole SSC as needed)                                                                                                                                                                  | First full-SSC meeting, may have short updates throughout year |
| 8                                          | Review <i>State of Ecosystem Report</i> (whole SSC)                                                                                                                                                                                                | March                                                          |
| 9                                          | Serve on Climate and Ecosystem Steering Committee (3 SSC members)                                                                                                                                                                                  | 2-3 meetings annually                                          |
| 10                                         | Serve on SSC Social Sciences Subcommittee (4 SSC members)                                                                                                                                                                                          | 2-3 meetings annually                                          |
| 11                                         | SSC participation in assessment peer reviews and related committees (selected SSC members)                                                                                                                                                         | All year                                                       |
| 12                                         | 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><br>White hake<br>SSC workshop planning                                                                      | Jan 21                                          | webinar                    | Staff: Cournane, Feeney, Frede                                 |
| <b>NEFMC</b><br>Appoint SSC nominees                                                                                   | Jan 28-29                                       | webinar                    | Staff: Feeney (no SSC presentation)                            |
| <b>SSC SSS</b><br>Fishery data products & reporting; informing 2026 Council work                                       | March 10                                        | webinar                    | Staff: Feeney                                                  |
| <b>SSC subpanel</b><br>Monkfish CPUE review                                                                            | March 13                                        | webinar                    | Staff: Couture, Feeney<br>Panel: McManus, Kerr, McNamee        |
| <b>SSC</b><br>SOE report; Risk Policy; June SSC workshop planning                                                      | March 30                                        | Boston, MA<br>hybrid       | Staff: Cournane, Feeney, Peros, Brothers                       |
| <b>NEFMC</b>                                                                                                           | April 14-16                                     | Portland, ME<br>hybrid     | SSC report: McManus                                            |
| <b>FIMS CIE Review</b>                                                                                                 | April 21-23                                     | webinar                    | SSC on panel: Wiedenmann                                       |
| <b>NRCC</b>                                                                                                            | May 27-28                                       | Boston, MA<br>hybrid       | SSC representative: McManus<br>Staff: Cournane, O'Keefe        |
| <b>SSC Workshop</b><br>Dynamic reference points                                                                        | June 1-2                                        | Boston, MA                 | Staff: Cournane, Feeney                                        |
| <b>MTA Peer Review</b>                                                                                                 | June 29-30                                      | Woods Hole,<br>hybrid      | SSC on panel: Kerr<br>Staff: Cournane, Frede                   |
| <b>NEFMC</b>                                                                                                           | June 23-25                                      | Mystic, CT<br>hybrid       | No SSC report                                                  |
| <b>SSC</b><br>ABCs: Risk Policy implementation, Social Science Subcommittee update; A. herring; DRP workshop outcomes; | August 11-12<br>(11 <sup>th</sup> in afternoon) | New Bedford, MA;<br>hybrid | Staff: Cournane, Feeney, Bodell, Peros                         |
| <b>SSC subpanel</b><br>A. herring fishery bycatch methods                                                              | August 24                                       | Webinar                    | Staff: Cournane, Feeney, Bodell                                |
| <b>MTA Peer Review</b>                                                                                                 | Sept 22-23                                      | Woods Hole,<br>hybrid      | SSC on panel: Camp, Lorenzen (chair)<br>Staff: Cournane, Frede |
| <b>NEFMC</b>                                                                                                           | Sept 15-17                                      | Plymouth,<br>hybrid        | SSC report: McManus                                            |
| <b>SSC</b><br>ABCs: scallops, northern and southern windowpane flounder, halibut, witch flounder                       | Oct 7                                           | TBD                        | Staff: Buckley, Feeney, Frede                                  |

## NEFMC SSC Work Plan for 2026

Update: July 15, 2026

| Meeting and topics                                                                                                                                       | Date      | Location           | SSC and Council staff leads                             |
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| <b>SSC</b><br>ABCs: GOM & GB (tentative)<br>haddock, A. plaice, pollock;<br>northern and southern red hake,<br>northern silver hake, southern<br>whiting | Oct 27-28 | TBD                | Staff: Applegate, Feeney, Frede                         |
| <b>SSC subpanel</b><br>Permit portfolio project; other<br>topics                                                                                         | Fall      | TBD                | Staff: Couture, Feeney                                  |
| <b>SSC SSS</b><br>Implementing SSS workplan                                                                                                              | Fall      | TBD                | Staff: Feeney                                           |
| <b>NRCC</b>                                                                                                                                              | Fall      | TBD                | SSC representative: McManus<br>Staff: O'Keefe, Courname |
| <b>NEFMC</b>                                                                                                                                             | Dec 8-10  | Newport,<br>hybrid | SSC report: McManus                                     |

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

| Committee                                                                                         | SSC members assigned                                           |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| NEFMC Climate and Ecosystem Steering Committee                                                    | Kerr, Lawson, Staudinger                                       |
| NEFMC Risk Policy Working Group                                                                   | Kerr, Lawson, McNamee, St. Martin                              |
| SSC Social Science Subcommittee                                                                   | Uchida (Chair), Birkenbach, Nenadovic, St. Martin, Seara (SSB) |
| Assessment Working Group                                                                          | Merrick                                                        |
| SSC subpanel to review monkfish CPUE research                                                     | McManus (Chair), Kerr, McNamee                                 |
| Note: the Assessment Oversight Panel and Research Track Steering Committees are currently paused. |                                                                |

### 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><br>Georges Bank haddock<br>Atlantic herring      | 1 Panelist             | Lisa Kerr                             |
| <b>MTA Peer Review - September</b><br>American plaice<br>Gulf of Maine haddock | 1 Chair and 1 Panelist | Kai Lorenzen, Chair<br>Ed Camp, panel |

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

| SSC meeting   | Stock                                      | SSC member assigned |
|---------------|--------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Jan 21        | White hake (MTA)                           | Camp                |
| August 11-12  | Atlantic herring (MTA)                     | McNamee             |
| October 7     | Atlantic sea scallops (data update)        | TBD                 |
|               | Northern windowpane flounder (data update) | TBD                 |
|               | Southern windowpane flounder (data update) | TBD                 |
|               | Atlantic halibut (data update)             | TBD                 |
|               | Witch flounder (data update)               | TBD                 |
| October 27-28 | GOM haddock (MTA)                          | TBD                 |
|               | GB haddock (tentative)                     | TBD                 |
|               | American plaice (MTA)                      | TBD                 |
|               | Pollock (data update)                      | TBD                 |
|               | Northern red hake (data update)            | TBD                 |
|               | Southern red hake (data update)            | TBD                 |
|               | Northern silver hake (data update)         | TBD                 |
|               | Southern whiting (data update)             | TBD                 |