

2026 Tasks		Target for when SSC input is needed/confirmed date
Recommend OFLs and ABCs (whole SSC)		
1a	White hake (2026-2030)	January
1b	Atlantic herring (2027-2031)	August
1c	Scallop (2027-2028)	October
1d	Red hake and silver hake (2027-2031)	October
1e	Northeast multispecies stocks (2027-2031): GOM haddock, American plaice, Atlantic halibut, witch flounder, pollock, northern windowpane flounder, southern windowpane flounder	October
Tasks continued from 2025		
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
New tasks		
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
Standing Tasks		
6	General review of SSC timeline, roles, and responsibilities (whole SSC as needed)	First full-SSC meeting, may have short updates throughout year
7	Review <i>State of Ecosystem Report</i> (whole SSC)	March
8	Serve on Climate and Ecosystem Steering Committee (3 SSC members)	2-3 meetings annually
9	Serve on SSC Social Sciences Subcommittee (4 SSC members)	2-3 meetings annually
10	SSC participation in assessment peer reviews and related committees (selected SSC members)	All year
11	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.

Meeting and topics	Date	Location	SSC and Council staff leads
SSC White hake SSC workshop planning	Jan 21	webinar	Staff: Cournane, Feeney, Frede
NEFMC Appoint SSC nominees	Jan 28-29	webinar	Staff: Feeney (no SSC presentation)
SSC SSS Fishery data products & reporting; informing 2026 Council work	March 10	webinar	Staff: Feeney

NEFMC SSC Work Plan for 2026

Update: August 5, 2026

Meeting and topics	Date	Location	SSC and Council staff leads
SSC subpanel Monkfish CPUE review	March 13	webinar	Staff: Couture, Feeney Panel: McManus, Kerr, McNamee
SSC SOE report; Risk Policy; June SSC workshop planning	March 30	Boston, MA hybrid	Staff: Cournane, Feeney, Peros, Brothers
NEFMC	April 14-16	Portland, ME hybrid	SSC report: McManus
FIMS CIE Review	April 21-23	webinar	SSC on panel: Wiedenmann
NRCC	May 27-28	Boston, MA hybrid	SSC representative: McManus Staff: Cournane, O'Keefe
SSC Workshop Dynamic reference points	June 1-2	Boston, MA	Staff: Cournane, Feeney
MTA Peer Review	June 29-30	Woods Hole, hybrid	SSC on panel: Kerr Staff: Cournane, Frede
NEFMC	June 23-25	Mystic, CT hybrid	No SSC report
SSC Risk Policy implementation, Social Science Subcommittee update; A. herring ABCs; DRP workshop outcomes	August 11-12 (11 th in afternoon)	New Bedford, MA; hybrid	Staff: Cournane, Feeney, Bodell, Peros
MTA Peer Review	Sept 22-23	Woods Hole, hybrid	SSC on panel: Camp, Lorenzen (chair) Staff: Cournane, Frede
NEFMC	Sept 15-17	Plymouth, hybrid	SSC report: McManus
SSC ABCs: scallops, northern and southern windowpane flounder, witch flounder	Oct 7	New Bedford, MA	Staff: Buckley, Couture, Feeney, Frede, Grant
SSC ABCs: GOM haddock, halibut, A. plaice, pollock; northern and southern red hake, northern silver hake, southern whiting	Oct 27-28	Boston, MA	Staff: Applegate, Bodell, Feeney, Frede, Grant
SSC subpanel A. herring fishery bycatch methods	November	Webinar	Staff: Cournane, Feeney, Bodell
SSC SSS DRP indicators; Implementing SSS workplan	Fall	TBD	Staff: Feeney
NRCC	Fall	TBD	SSC representative: McManus Staff: O'Keefe, Cournane
NEFMC	Dec 8-10	Newport, 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
Fisheries Integrated Modeling System (FIMS) CIE Review – April	1 Panelist	John Wiedenmann
MTA Peer Review - June Georges Bank haddock Atlantic herring	1 Panelist	Lisa Kerr
MTA Peer Review - September American plaice Gulf of Maine haddock	1 Chair and 1 Panelist	Kai Lorenzen, Chair Ed Camp, panel

Service as stock lead for ABC discussion at SSC meetings

SSC meeting	Stock	SSC member assigned
January 21	White hake	Camp
August 11-12	Atlantic herring	McNamee
October 7	Atlantic sea scallops	Truesdell
	Northern windowpane flounder	TBD
	Southern windowpane flounder	TBD
	Witch flounder	TBD
October 27-28	GOM haddock	TBD
	Atlantic halibut	TBD
	American plaice	Alex Hansell
	Pollock	TBD
	Northern red hake	TBD
	Southern red hake	TBD
	Northern silver hake	TBD
	Southern whiting	TBD