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MEETING NOTICE Scientific and Statistical Committee

Date: Monday, March 30, 2026
Time: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Location: Hilton Garden Inn Boston Logan
100 Boardman Street
Boston, MA 02128
Phone: (617) 567-6789

Agenda:

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will meet to:

- Review and discuss the 2026 *State of the Ecosystem Report (SOE)* for New England compiled by the Northeast Fisheries Science Center:
 - Identify the key signals described therein that the Council should consider when making management decisions over the next year.
 - Discuss strategies for operationalizing these reports for SSC and Council deliberations.
 - Recommend improvements to future reports.
- Receive updates on Risk Policy and provide feedback on the following:
 - Risk Policy Concept, including revisions to the number of factors.
 - Draft instructions for the SSC and Plan Development Teams on using the Risk Policy.
 - Mechanics and proposed implementation of the Risk Policy.
 - Worked example(s) of applying the Risk Policy with an ABC Control Rule.
- Receive an update and provide input on plans for an SSC workshop on dynamic reference points in June 2026.
- Discuss other business as necessary.

Online access: This meeting will be broadcast online via Zoom. Preregistration is required. Register here: <https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/Ap6Uf9cxQoWMJgXx9q72bg>. Use VoIP with a microphone and speakers for audio. A headset is recommended. For the best audio and visual experience, your Zoom desktop application must be updated prior to the meeting.

Call-in information: After registering you will be e-mailed webinar information, including a call-in number. Please note that this is not a toll-free number.

If you would like your written comments to be considered at this meeting, they must be

received at the NEFMC office by **Wednesday, March 25, 2026**. Please address them to Chair Daniel Salerno or Executive Director Cate O’Keefe. Email submissions should be sent to comments@nefmc.org.

For information about meeting materials and detailed agenda, please consult the Council’s website at www.nefmc.org.

This meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 USC 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities.

This schedule is subject to change. If you have questions, please call the Council.

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Notice date: February 20, 2026

cc: SSC, RPWG, CESC