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Meeting Agenda
Scientific and Statistical Committee
Monday March 30, 2026; 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Hilton Garden Inn Logan Airport in Boston, MA and via webinar
<https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/mar-30-2026-ssc-meeting>

9:00 AM	Welcome, introductions, opening remarks, and agenda review (C. McManus, SSC Chair)
9:10	2026 State of the Ecosystem Report – Presentation on report (J. Caracappa, NEFSC)
10:00	SSC questions
10:30	Public comment
10:40	Break
10:50	SSC discussion guided by Terms of Reference
11:30	June 1-2 SSC Workshop on Dynamic Reference Points - Presentation on workshop planning (J. Cournane, NEFMC)
11:50	SSC questions, discussion and next steps
12:15 PM	Lunch
1:15	Risk Policy – Presentation on Risk Policy Concept including factors, data, and mechanics (J. Peros, NEFMC; Dr. R. Brothers, UMaine)
1:35	SSC questions
1:50	Presentation on applying the Risk Policy with an ABC control rule, SSC use of the Risk Policy, and next steps (Dr. R. Brothers; J. Peros)
2:10	SSC questions
2:25	Public comment
2:35	Break
2:45	SSC discussion guided by Terms of Reference
3:30	Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide feedback for content of stock assessment data updates• Discussion on the use of longer-term specifications• Updates on 2026 work plan and meetings• Nominate SSC Chair and Vice-Chair• Confirm plans for writing SSC report
5:00	Adjourn

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