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Meeting Agenda Scientific and Statistical Committee

Tuesday and Wednesday, August 11-12, 2026

Fairfield Inn & Suites, New Bedford, MA and via webinar

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Tuesday, August 11	
1:00 PM	Welcome, introductions, opening remarks, and agenda review (C. McManus, SSC Chair)
1:10	Risk Policy • Presentation on the Council's approved Risk Policy and plans for implementation (J. Peros, NEFMC) • SSC questions
2:00	Public comment
2:10	SSC discussion
3:00	Break
3:10	Social Science Subcommittee • Presentation on recent SSS activities (T. Seara, SSS and NEFSC; K. St. Martin, SSS) • SSC questions and discussion
4:10	Adjourn
Wednesday, August 12	
9:00 AM	Welcome, introductions, opening remarks, and agenda review (C. McManus)
9:10	Atlantic Herring • Presentation on 2026 Atlantic Herring Management Track Assessment outcomes (J. Deroba, NEFSC) and peer review outcomes (R. Merrick, SSC) • SSC questions • Presentation on Herring PDT work on OFLs and ABCs (J. Cournane, NEFMC) • SSC questions
10:10	Public comment
10:40	Break
10:50	Develop Atlantic herring OFL and ABC recommendations
12:00	Lunch

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1:15	SSC Workshop on Dynamic Reference Points • Presentation on workshop outcomes (C. McManus) • SSC questions • SSC discussion of next steps
3:30	Other Business • Confirm stock leads for remaining ABC discussions in 2026 (C. McManus) • Update on SSC workplan and solicitation of members for 2027 (R. Feeney) • Planning for a joint SSC-NEFSC meeting in 2027 (R. Feeney) • Update on plans for the 9th workshop of the Council Coordination Committee's Scientific Coordination Subcommittee (SCS9; R. Feeney)
4:00	Adjourn

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