



## New England Fishery Management Council

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### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** September 15, 2022  
**TO:** Council  
**FROM:** Tom Nies, Executive Director  
**SUBJECT:** **2023 Management Priorities**

1. The September Council meeting will include our first discussion of Council priorities for 2023. The goal of this first step is to identify the possible tasks. The actual selection of priorities will occur at the December meeting. As a reminder, we don't usually debate the merits of additions to the list at this meeting.

2. I've attached a memo and draft of the possible tasks for 2022 that was prepared for the September 8, 2022 Executive Committee meeting. This list identifies, but does not recommend, possible tasks. This list does not contain tasks identified by the Groundfish, Scallop, and Herring Oversight Committee meetings, or suggested by correspondence, after the Executive Committee met. I will bring any additions that surface at those meetings to the Council.

3. The priorities process is described in our [Council Operations Handbook](#) (page 75). In brief, there are five key steps:

- a. Possible tasks are identified no later than the September Council meeting.
- b. Each Council member will be asked to categorize every task (including required tasks) as either a low, medium, high, or "Don't Do This" priority. The latter category is new this year and was added in response to a suggestion received last year.
- c. If possible, Committees will identify the tasks they prefer to address for their Committees (some have already done this).
- d. The Executive Committee reviews the list, ranking, and Committee preferences, considers available resources, and develops a recommended list for review and approval.
- e. The Council considers the Executive Committee recommendations and approves the final priorities at the December meeting.

4. The staff will once again estimate the time needed for the various tasks. This information will be provided to the Executive Committee and Council for the final decisions.

Attachment: ED memo to Executive Committee dated September 1, 2022 (with attachments)



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1. The September Council meeting will include our first discussion of Council priorities for 2023. The goal of this first step is to identify the possible tasks. The actual selection of priorities will occur at the December meeting.
2. I've attached a first draft of the possible tasks for 2023. This list does not recommend any specific task. Several Oversight Committees will meet in September before the Council meeting. I will add in any additions that surface at those meetings or suggested by the Executive Committee before the Council meeting. This list may also be expanded at the September Council meeting.
3. The staff will once again attempt to estimate the time needed for the various tasks. This information will be provided this year as well.
4. I am planning one change to the Priorities process based on a suggestion made last year. When Council members are asked to rank the importance of each possible task, they will choose from the categories of High/Medium/Low/Don't Do This. The new category addresses concerns that there was no way to indicate a belief that a task should not be pursued, at any level of priority.
5. This year marks the third year since the Council adopted a requirement that mid-year changes to priorities must first be considered by the Committee and must be approved by a 2/3 vote at a Council meeting. Enclosure (2) summarizes mid-year priority changes made since 2014.

Enclosure: (1) Initial 2023 Priorities Task List for Executive Committee  
(2) Mid-year changes in priorities since 2014

| 1-Sep-22 | This worksheet identifies possible priorities or tasks for 2023. This list has not been prioritized by the Ex Comm. |  |         |            |                                |  |
|----------|---|--|---------|------------|--------------------------------|--|
| 9/1/2022 |   |  |         |            |                                |  |
| Number   |   | Priority/Task Title  | Status  | Multi_Year | Legal/Regulatory Requirement ? | Source                                 |
|          | Groundfish  |  |         |            |                                |  |
| 1        | Groundfish  | <u>Set ABCs/ACLs as necessary for groundfish stocks for FY2024-FY2026 and US/CA stocks for FY2024-FY2025</u>   |         |            | Y                              | Requirement                            |
| 2        | Groundfish  | <u>Develop measures to reduce gillnet interactions with protected species (sturgeon, large whales).</u>  |         |            | Y                              | Requirement                            |
| 3        | Groundfish  | Develop a transition plan for Atlantic cod management from the current two management units to up to five management units.  |         | Y          |                                | ACSSWG                                 |
| 4        | Groundfish  | In consultation with the SSC, continue work to revise ABC control rules for Northeast Multispecies stocks - modify the existing controls (Approach 2) or replace the existing control rules/conduct MSE (Approach 3) | Ongoing |            |                                |  |
| 5        | Groundfish  | Review commercial sector PSC allocation as per Council allocation review schedule.   |         |            |                                | Council Operations Handbook: 2018-2020 |
| 6        | Groundfish  | Review groundfish sector sub-ACLs as per Council allocation review schedule.   |         |            |                                | Council Operations Handbook            |
| 7        | Groundfish  | Implement recommendations from the white paper on potential approaches to allocate "Georges Bank" cod to the recreational fishery, delivered in 2022 to inform the 2023 priorities discussion.                       | Ongoing | Y          |                                | April 2022 Council meeting             |

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|--------|-------------------|--|---------|------------|--------------------------------|---|
| 8      | Groundfish        | Consider adjustments to sector program suggested by sector catch share review  |         |            |                                |   |
| 9      | Groundfish        | Develop a recreational angler permit with reporting requirements for cod   |         |            |                                | Groundfish Committee September 2021                 |
| 10     | Groundfish        | Revise the small vessel category trip limits – tied to changes in catch limits / changes in stock size   |         |            |                                | Committee, 9/2021                                   |
| 11     | Groundfish        | Review sub-ACL allocations for GB YTF (scallops), GB YTF (small mesh), SNE/MA WIMP (scallops), SNE/MA WIMP (large mesh)                                |         |            |                                | Council Allocation Review Policy (window 2021-2023) |
| 12     | Groundfish        | Complete development of metrics to be used in the review process that will evaluate the monitoring system, as per Amendment 23, and have SSC review    | Ongoing | Y          | Y                              | Amendment 23; 2022 priorities                       |
| 13     | Groundfish        | Review Sector Redfish Universal Exemption after redfish assessment   |         |            |                                | FW 61   |
| 14     | Groundfish: Staff | Research track assessment (working group participation) - Atlantic cod, yellowtail flounder  |         | Y          |                                | NRCC  |
| 15     | Groundfish:Staff  | Groundfish management track assessments  |         |            |                                | NRCC  |
| 16     | Groundfish:Staff  | TRAC/TMGC  |         |            |                                |   |
|        |                   |  |         |            |                                |   |
|        | Monkfish          |  |         |            |                                |   |
| 17     | Monkfish          | <u>Develop measures to reduce gillnet interactions with protected species (sturgeon, large whales).</u>  |         |            | Y                              | 2021 BiOp for ten fisheries                         |
| 18     | Monkfish          | <u>Address monkfish recommendations in the NOAA Fisheries Action Plan to Reduce Atlantic Sturgeon Bycatch in Federal Large Mesh Gillnet Fisheries.</u> |         |            |                                | Monkfish Committee August 2022                      |

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|--------|-----------------------|---|--------|------------|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| 19     | <b>Monkfish</b>       | Review recommendations from the RSA program review and develop measures to improve the Monkfish RSA program's effectiveness. Revisit use of RSA DAS and ability to flip to a directed RSA DAS while at sea.   |        |            |                                | Monkfish Committee, September 2020 |
| 20     | <b>Monkfish</b>       | Form a work group of fishermen, NOAA and Council staff, Monkfish Committee members, etc. to discuss the Monkfish RSA program and identify potential improvements.   |        |            |                                | Monkfish Committee August 2022     |
| 21     | <b>Monkfish</b>       | Address latent effort in the fishery; consider 1) developing a DAS leasing program that would allow markets to drive DAS availability and cost, or 2) moving to a quota management program to increase profitability, flexibility, and efficiency (eliminate the DAS program). Consider updating the control date that was established in May 2012 during development of Amendment 6. |        |            |                                | Monkfish Committee August 2022     |
| 22     | <b>Monkfish</b>       | AP-PDT update performance report  |        |            |                                | Monkfish Committee August 2022     |
| 23     | <b>Monkfish:Staff</b> | Develop a model that would help predict how changing effort controls would impact the monkfish fishery.   |        |            |                                | Monkfish Committee August 2022     |
| 24     | <b>Monkfish:Staff</b> | Develop an economic analysis of the monkfish fishery to help understand the fishery and the outcomes of potential management actions, include further defining the distinctions between the northern and southern fisheries.  |        |            |                                | Monkfish Committee August 2022     |

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| 25     | <b>Monkfish:Staff</b> | Analyze the characteristics of the fishery, including the active monkfish participants and any impacts on the entry of latent effort from other fisheries.   |         |            |                                | Monkfish Committee, September 2020 |
| 26     | <b>Monkfish:Staff</b> | Evaluate whether the reactivation of latent effort from unused permits is a potential problem in the monkfish fishery.   |         |            |                                | Monkfish Committee, September 2020 |
|        |                       |  |         |            |                                |                                    |
|        | <b>Sea Scallops</b>   |  |         |            |                                |                                    |
| 27     | <b>Sea Scallops</b>   | <u>Prepare a specifications package to set FY 2024 (2025 default) specifications (i.e. setting DAS, access area trips, Northern GOM TAC, limited access general category IFQ allocations, etc.).</u> |         |            | Y                              | Requirement                        |
| 28     | <b>Sea Scallops</b>   | <u>Complete ongoing actions (Framework 36)</u>   | Ongoing |            | Y                              |                                    |
| 29     | <b>Sea Scallops</b>   | Subject to Council decision on 9/2022, continue development of limited access vessel leasing program   | Ongoing |            |                                |                                    |
| 30     | <b>Sea Scallops</b>   | Support action for access to Northern Edge HMA, including development of access area program for modified area   |         | Y          |                                | 2018 priority                      |
| 31     | <b>Sea Scallops</b>   | Modify RSA program as recommended by RSA Program Review, which includes implementing recommendations from the Sea Scallop Survey Working Group   | Ongoing |            |                                | RSA review and SSSWG               |
| 32     | <b>Sea Scallops</b>   | Consider increase to shell stock possession limit shoreward of the demarcation line  |         |            |                                | Committee                          |
| 33     | <b>Sea Scallops</b>   | Develop management and policy approaches for scallop seeding and grow out  |         |            |                                | 2021 RSA priorities; staff         |

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|--------|---------------------|---|---------|------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 34     | Sea Scallops        | Develop measures to improve enforceability of landings limits (bag tags)  |         |            |                                | Public comment, June 2020         |
| 35     | Sea Scallops        | Consider increasing the LAGC IFQ possession limit for IFQ vessels fishing in the NGOM set-aside   |         |            |                                |                                   |
| 36     | Sea Scallops        | Revisit management of GBYT, including timing and spatial scale of the existing yellowtail flounder seasonal closure on eastern GB   |         |            |                                |                                   |
| 37     | Sea Scallops        | 5-Year LAGC IFQ program review (2016 to 2020)   |         |            |                                |                                   |
| 38     | Sea Scallops        | Develop long-term (3-5 year) strategic plan for managing scallop fishery, including possible use of MSE to explore strategy performance   |         |            |                                |                                   |
| 39     | Sea Scallops        | Consider possession limit for recreational divers   |         |            |                                | Scallop Committee                 |
| 40     | Sea Scallops: Staff | Management track assessment   |         |            |                                |                                   |
| 41     | Sea Scallops:Staff  | NMFS and PDT have annual responsibilities related to estimating scallop, yellowtail, and windowpane catch during the year (i.e. LA AM exception, re-evaluation of YT sub-ACL based on updated information). | Ongoing |            | Y                              |                                   |
| 42     | Sea Scallops:Staff  | Support annual scallop RSA process, including priority setting, and technical and management reviews.   | Ongoing |            |                                |                                   |
| 43     | Sea Scallops:Staff  | Research track assessment (working group participation)   |         |            |                                |                                   |
|        |                     |   |         |            |                                |                                   |
|        | Herring             |   |         |            |                                |                                   |
| 44     | Herring             | Complete FW 7, spawning protection for herring on GB (to be discussed at September 2022 Council meeting)  | Pends   | Y          |                                | Herring Committee, September 2020 |

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|--------|------------------------|---|---------|------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 45     | <b>Herring</b>         | Review of Herring IFM program required after 2 years  |         |            | Y                              |                         |
| 46     | <b>Herring:Staff</b>   | Research track assessment (working group participation) - Atlantic herring  |         |            |                                |                         |
| 47     | <b>Herring:Staff</b>   | Coordination with MAFMC, ASMFC on various herring issues (RH/S, etc.), including actions in response to 2023 assessment           | Ongoing |            |                                |                         |
|        |                        |   |         |            |                                |                         |
|        | <b>SBRM</b>            |   |         |            |                                |                         |
| 48     | <b>SBRM</b>            | Conduct three-year review   |         |            |                                |                         |
|        |                        |   |         |            |                                |                         |
|        | <b>Red Crab</b>        |   |         |            |                                |                         |
| 49     | <b>Red Crab</b>        | Develop and submit red crab specifications for 2024-2027(?)   |         |            | Y                              |                         |
| 50     | <b>Red Crab: Staff</b> | Management track assessment   |         |            |                                |                         |
|        |                        |   |         |            |                                |                         |
|        | <b>Habitat</b>         |   |         |            |                                |                         |
| 51     | <b>Habitat</b>         | Participate in ROSA activities; collaborate with NMFS and other partners on offshore wind science issues                          | Ongoing |            |                                |                         |
| 52     | <b>Habitat</b>         | Develop an action to authorize and facilitate Atlantic salmon aquaculture in the EEZ  |         |            |                                |                         |
| 53     | <b>Habitat</b>         | Assess the possibility of, and if possible, develop an action to revise Habitat Management Areas on Northern Edge of Georges Bank |         | Y          |                                | Habitat Committee, 2022 |
| 54     | <b>Habitat</b>         | Consider revisions to EFH designations  |         |            |                                |                         |
| 55     | <b>Habitat:Staff</b>   | <u>Habitat impacts (NEPA analyses) of management actions</u>  | Ongoing | Y          | Y                              |                         |
| 56     | <b>Habitat:Staff</b>   | Participate on ASMFC habitat committee  | Ongoing |            |                                |                         |



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| 57     | Habitat:Staff            | Develop habitat and fishery related comments on non-fishing activities, including offshore wind, aquaculture, and cable projects, using the Council's policies and aquaculture coordination plan, and in consultation with other agencies, (including NMFS, BOEM, and MAFMC). | Ongoing |            |                                |  |
|        |                          |   |         |            |                                |  |
|        | Research                 |   |         |            |                                |  |
| 58     | Research                 | Complete annual update to research priorities   |         |            |                                | Council Policy                                   |
| 59     | Research:Staff           | Support S-K program   | Ongoing |            |                                |  |
|        |                          |   |         |            |                                |  |
|        | SSC                      |   |         |            |                                |  |
| 60     | SSC                      | Support Council activities such as <u>recommending ABCs</u> and making recommendations in the FMP development process   | Ongoing |            | Y                              |  |
| 61     |                          | Support Council updates to Risk Policy  |         |            |                                |  |
| 62     | SSC                      | Consult with Council on development of ABC control rules for Northeast Multispecies stocks  |         |            |                                | August 2019 SSC meeting; 2021 priorities         |
|        |                          |   |         |            |                                |  |
|        | Enforcement, Safety, VMS |   |         |            |                                |  |
| 63     | Enforcement, Safety, VMS | Continue to support enforcement, safety and VMS issues.   | Ongoing |            |                                |  |
|        |                          |   |         |            |                                |  |
|        | Whiting                  |   |         |            |                                |  |
| 64     | Whiting                  | <u>Approve and submit 2024-2026 Specifications Package</u>  | Ongoing |            | Y                              | Assessment schedule revised to match specs cycle |

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| 65     | <b>Whiting</b>       | Develop an action to consider changes to the overfishing definitions, making them consistent with new assessments resulting from the 2023 reseach track.          |         |            |                                |                             |
| 66     | <b>Whiting:Staff</b> | <u>PDT receives annual monitoring report from Regional Office and advise Council whether management adjustments are needed</u>                                    | Ongoing |            | Y                              |                             |
| 67     | <b>Whiting:Staff</b> | Silver/red/offhsore hake management track assessments   |         |            |                                |                             |
| 68     | <b>Whiting:Staff</b> | Silver hake research track assessment   |         |            |                                |                             |
|        |                      |   |         |            |                                |                             |
|        | <b>Skates</b>        |   |         |            |                                |                             |
| 69     | <b>Skates</b>        | <u>Develop measures to reduce gillnet interactions with protected species (sturgeon, large whales).</u>   | Ongoing | Y          |                                | 2021 BiOp for ten fisheries |
| 70     | <b>Skates</b>        | <u>Develop 2024-2025 specifications.</u> With smooth skate and barndoor skate rebuilt, consider measures that would allow for expanded possession by the fishery. |         |            | Y                              | Committee August 2022       |
| 71     | <b>Skates:Staff</b>  | Develop a white paper on potential approaches to support thorny skate rebuilding.   |         |            |                                | Committee August 2022       |
| 72     | <b>Skates:Staff</b>  | Support improvements to fishery data quality controls   |         |            |                                | Committee August 2022       |
| 73     | <b>Skates:Staff</b>  | Support management track assessment   |         |            |                                |                             |
|        |                      |   |         |            |                                |                             |
|        | <b>Spiny Dogfish</b> |   |         |            |                                |                             |
| 74     | <b>Spiny Dogfish</b> | Respond as necessary to monitoring or trip limit reports  |         |            |                                |                             |
| 75     | <b>Spiny Dogfish</b> | Develop measures to reduce gillnet interactions with protected species (sturgeon, large whales).  |         |            |                                | 2021 BiOp for ten fisheries |
|        |                      |   |         |            |                                |                             |
|        | <b>EBFM</b>          |   |         |            |                                |                             |

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| 75     | <b>EBFM</b>                          | Conduct information and educational workshops on EBFM, focusing on potential application to Georges Bank eFEP  | Ongoing | Y          |                                | 2020 priority; expect completion early in 2023 |
| 76     | <b>EBFM</b>                          | Develop and conduct a prototype management strategy evaluation to develop and test EBFM management strategies for the Georges Bank EPU, using example management objectives developed by the EBFM committee. | Ongoing | Y          |                                | Begun in 2022, expect 2023 completion.         |
| 77     | <b>EBFM</b>                          | Begin development of a fully public stakeholder engaged Management Strategy Evaluation.  |         |            |                                |  |
| 78     | <b>EBFM:Staff</b>                    | Support EBFM activities (WGNARS, SOE, etc.)  |         |            |                                |  |
|        |                                      |  |         |            |                                |  |
|        | <b>Observer Committee</b>            |  |         |            |                                |  |
| 79     | <b>Observer Committee</b>            | No Action Planned  |         |            |                                |  |
|        |                                      |  |         |            |                                |  |
|        | <b>Risk Policy Working Group</b>     |  |         |            |                                |  |
| 80     | <b>Risk Policy Working Group</b>     | Review Council Risk Policy and consider changes  |         |            |                                |  |
|        |                                      |  |         |            |                                |  |
|        | <b>Trawl Survey AP</b>               |  |         |            |                                |  |
| 81     | <b>Trawl Survey AP</b>               | Address issues identified in AP charter  | Ongoing | Y          |                                | 2015 Priorities                                |
|        |                                      |  |         |            |                                |  |
|        | <b>Inter-organization Activities</b> |  |         |            |                                |  |
| 82     | <b>Inter-organization Activities</b> | CCC Working Group participation (EM, Legislative, CMOD, Communications, EEJ)   |         |            |                                |  |
| 83     | <b>Inter-organization Activities</b> | NRCC Working Group Participation   | Ongoing | Y          |                                | NRCC   |

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| 84     | Inter-organization Activities | International Fisheries Management<br>TMGC/TRAC/Steering Committee<br>ICCAT<br>HMS Advisory Panel/HMS FMP<br>NAFO Commissioner                            | Ongoing |            | Y                              |                                |
| 85     | Inter-organization Activities | Participate in NRCC Senario Planning Exercise to develop governance approach for addressing climate change issues   | Ongoing | Y          |                                |                                |
| 86     | Inter-organization Activities | Participate in NROC Ocean Policy Committee and data portal activities   | Ongoing |            |                                |                                |
| 87     | Inter-organization Activities | SBNMS SAC   |         |            |                                |                                |
|        | Other                         |   |         |            |                                |                                |
| 87     | Other                         | Review and implement Program Review recommendations   | Ongoing | Y          |                                |                                |
| 88     | Other                         | Participate on Large Whale and Harbor Porpoise Take Reduction Teams   | Ongoing | Y          |                                |                                |
| 89     | Other                         | Dialogue meeting between Council, industry, and scientists to improve communications and cooperation  |         |            |                                | September 2018 Council Meeting |
| 90     | Other                         | Consider examining length and horsepower restrictions on efficiency and whether permit-splitting may also be a tool to address these efficiency concerns. |         |            |                                | Several Committees, 2021       |
| 91     | Other                         | Support development of NMFS' regional EEJ strategy and advance EEJ in fisheries   |         |            |                                |                                |
| 92     | Other:staff                   | Support Regional Fishery Dependent Data Initiative (FDDI)   | Ongoing | Y          |                                | NRCC                           |
| 93     | Other:staff                   | Protected Species issues, including actions as necessary to implement Biological Opinion and implement NARW recovery plan                                 | Ongoing | Y          |                                | 2021 BiOp for ten fisheries    |

## Enclosure (2) - Mid-Year changes in priorities

|  | Year | FMP                | Proposed Change   | Date Considered | Adopted? | Comments   | Foreseeable?                   |
|--|------|--------------------|---|-----------------|----------|--|--------------------------------|
|  | 2022 | Groundfish         | Cod stock transition plan; P/C sub-ACL white paper  | Apr-22          | Y        | Modified one existing priority, added new one  | Y                              |
|  |      | Monkfish           | Remove VMS requirement from FW  | Jun-22          | Y        | Arguably not a change - priority was "consider"  |                                |
|  |      | Herring            | GB Bank spawning closures   | Sep-22          |          | Pends Sep 22 Council meeting   |                                |
|  |      |                    |   |                 |          |  |                                |
|  | 2021 | Groundfish         | Added changes to default measures to annual FW  | Jun-21          | Y        | No offset  | Y                              |
|  |      | Skates             | Stopped work on A5, initiated framework   | Sep-21          | Y        | Decision made not to pursue limited entry in April 2021; later had to submit A5 to change goals and objectives | N                              |
|  |      |                    |   |                 |          |  |                                |
|  | 2020 | Groundfish         | Added redfish/pollock/haddock exemption to FW 61  | Oct-20          | Y        | Rules suspended to bring directly to the Council   | First year under 2/3 vote rule |
|  |      |                    |   |                 |          |  |                                |
|  | 2019 | Scallops           | Added leasing of IFQ quota from LA to LAGC to amendment   | Jan-19          | Y        | No offset  | Y                              |
|  |      | Scallops           | Added NLCA slow-growing scallops to specs   | Jun-19          | Y        |  | ?                              |
|  |      | Scallops           | Dropped review of scallop access area program   | 1-Jun           | Y        | Offset for above   |                                |
|  |      | Groundfish         | CAI Hook Gear Haddock SAP changes   | Jun-19          | Y        | No offset  | Y                              |
|  |      | Omnibus            | eVTR for all NEFMC fisheries  | Jun-19          | Y        |  | Y                              |
|  |      |                    |   |                 |          |  |                                |
|  | 2018 | Groundfish         | Moved SDC issue to multi-year priority  | Jun-18          | Y        | No offset  | ?                              |
|  |      | Scallops           | Removed gear change to protect small scallops; added standard default specs measures  | Jun-18          | Y        |  | Y                              |
|  |      |                    |   |                 |          |  |                                |
|  | 2017 | Scallops           | Removed gear changes to protect small scallops  | Apr-17          | Y        |  |                                |
|  |      | Skates             | Action to change in -season adjustments to trip limits  | Apr-17          | Y        |  | Y                              |
|  |      | Groundfish         | Modify NSE/MA WINP Ams  | Jun-17          | Y        | No offset  | Y                              |
|  |      |                    |   |                 |          |  |                                |
|  | 2016 | Herring/Groundfish | Added GB haddock sub-ACL to herring and groundfish  | Jun-16          | Y        | No offset  | ?                              |
|  |      |                    |   |                 |          |  |                                |
|  | 2015 | Groundfish         | Action to address ASM Requirements  | Apr-15          | Y        | See below  | Y                              |
|  |      | Groundfish         | Delete WINP white paper, rec management measures process, coordination with ASMFC over lobster bycatch, sector five year review | Jun-15          | Y        | Offset for ASM action  | Y                              |
|  |      | Herring            | Expanded A8 scope to include localized depletion  | Jun-15          | Y        | Council did not refer to this as a change in priorities  | ?                              |
|  |      |                    |   |                 |          |  |                                |
|  | 2014 | Groundfish         | Framework to revise AM s for N and S WINP   | Jan-14          | Y        |  | ?                              |
|  |      | Groundfish         | Move spawning area priority to multi-year priority  | Jan-14          | Y        | Offset for WINP AM framework   | Y                              |