

Groundfish Outlook by Quarter in 2026, updated January 6, 2026, NEFMC Staff

Council Priority*	Jan – Mar	Apr - Jun	July - Sept	Oct - Dec
Amendment 25	Final Submission	GARFO implementation		
Recreational Measures	Develop recommendations for cod & haddock	GARFO implementation		
Framework Adjustment 72	Preliminary & Final Submissions	GARFO implementation		
Amendment 23 Review	Conduct review analyses	Complete review, consider recommendations for follow-up actions		
Redfish Sector Exemption Review	Conduct review analyses	Complete review, consider recommendations for follow-up actions		
ABC Control Rules Framework (68)	Contract work conducted to evaluate integration of revised Risk Policy with revised ABC CRs	Develop revised ABC CRs from simulation testing , conduct analysis	Final action	Implementation of revised ABC CRs for specifications
Framework Adjustment 7X		Develop scope	Initiate action	Develop specifications & measures, conduct analysis
Atlantic Cod Management	Continue to develop transition plan for cod management units; paused pending Amendment 25 decision			
White Hake Rebuilding			Conduct rebuilding plan analyses & review biological reference points	
Stock Assessments		MT- GB haddock (Jun.)	Domestic updates for transboundary mgmt. (cod, haddock, yellowtail flounder) (Jul.)	MT- GOM haddock, plaice Data updates- pollock, witch flounder, halibut (Sept.)

*Additional: Participate in TMGC, coordinate on EFH designation updates, and make recommendations for 2027 Council priorities