

# New England Fishery Management Council Timelines

March 25, 2021

BACKGROUND.....	2
SCALLOPS.....	3
1. FRAMEWORK 33 - 2021 SPECIFICATIONS, 2022 DEFAULT SPECIFICATIONS .....	3
2. AMENDMENT 21 – NGOM AND IFQ POSSESSION LIMITS .....	4
3. *FRAMEWORK 34 - 2022 SPECIFICATIONS, 2023 DEFAULT SPECIFICATIONS .....	5
GROUND FISH.....	6
1. AMENDMENT 23 GROUND FISH MONITORING .....	6
2. FRAMEWORK 61- 2021-2023 SPECIFICATIONS/MANAGEMENT MEASURES.....	8
3. *FRAMEWORK 63 - 2022-2024 SPECIFICATIONS/MANAGEMENT MEASURES.....	9
HERRING.....	10
1. FRAMEWORK 7 – SPAWNING PROTECTION FOR HERRING ON GEORGES BANK.	10
2. FRAMEWORK 8 – HERRING SPECIFICATIONS 2021-2023 & MACKEREL OY ISSUE	10
3. *FRAMEWORK 9 - REBUILDING PROGRAM AND POSSIBLE ADJUSTMENT OF ACCOUNTABILITY MEASURES .....	11
WHITING (SMALL-MESH MULTISPECIES) .....	12
1. FRAMEWORK 62 - SOUTHERN RED HAKE REBUILDING PLAN .....	12
2. SPECIFICATIONS FOR FISHING YEARS 2021-2023 .....	13
HABITAT .....	14
1. OMNIBUS DEEP-SEA CORAL AMENDMENT .....	14
SKATES .....	15
1. AMENDMENT 5 – LIMITED ACCESS AND OTHER MEASURES FOR SKATE FMP ...	15
2. SPECIFICATIONS FOR FISHING YEARS 2022-2023 .....	16
ECOSYSTEMS BASED FISHERY MANAGEMENT .....	17
EVTR FOR COMMERCIAL VESSELS .....	19

\* Indicates preliminary timeline – not yet reviewed by GARFO

## **Background**

### **Timelines**

Preliminary or draft timelines may be provided for actions for which Action Plans have not been formally approved; however, they will be revised when Actions Plans change.

Timelines are provided for actions until they have been approved or disproved by NMFS. They are updated only after review by the Executive Committee or at the direction of the Council Chair between Executive Committee meetings or as part of the process for updating action plans.

# Scallops

## 1. Framework 33 - 2021 specifications, 2022 default specifications

**Scope:** 2021 scallop specifications, 2022 default specifications

**STAFF PROJECT MANAGER:** Jonathon Peros

<b>2020 -2021</b>	
<b>JUN</b>	<b>NEFMC – Initiate Framework 33 (FW33)</b>
JUL-SEP	Committee / AP / PDT develop alternatives
<b>SEP</b>	<b>NEFMC – Council receives update on the development of FW33</b>
NOV	SSC recommends ABC for FY2021 and FY2022
OCT-JAN	Committee and PDT complete documents
<b>DEC</b>	<b>NEFMC – Council receives update on the development of FW33</b>
DEC-JAN	Committee and PDT complete documents
<b>JAN</b>	<b>NEFMC – Council takes final action</b>
MAR	Council staff completes pre-submission
MAR	EA reviewed by NMFS
APR	Staff completes final submission for NMFS review and approval
MAY - JUNE	NMFS publishes interim final rule, Implementation

## 2. Amendment 21 – NGOM and IFQ Possession Limits

Scope: Consider changes to management of the Northern Gulf of Maine area and LAGC IFQ possession limits.

STAFF PROJECT MANAGER: Jonathon Peros

<b>2019</b>	
<b>JAN</b>	<b>NEFMC - review action plan and approve scoping document</b>
FEB-APR	NOI for developing an EIS is published – Scoping period
<b>JUN</b>	<b>NEFMC - Review Amendment 21 scoping comments; develop goals and objectives;</b>
JULY-DEC	Scallop PDT, AP, Committee work to develop background information and alternatives regarding Northern Gulf of Maine and LAGC IFQ possession limits. Scallop PDT reviews scoping comments, discusses technical analyses to support A21.
<b>2020</b>	
JAN-MAR	Scallop PDT, AP, Committee work to develop background information and alternatives regarding Northern Gulf of Maine and LAGC IFQ possession limits. Scallop PDT reviews scoping comments, discusses technical analyses to support A21.
<b>APR</b>	<b>NEFMC – Approve range of alternatives</b>
MAY	PDT completes Impact Analyses
<b>JUN</b>	<b>NEFMC - Review/approve Draft EA for public hearings, select preferred alternatives for NGOM and LAGC IFQ possession limits</b>
JULY-AUG	Staff prepare document for public hearings, public comment period and public hearings, summarize public input
<b>SEP</b>	<b>NEFMC - Council takes final action</b>
OCT-DEC	Staff updates EA for preliminary submission
<b>2021</b>	
APR	Preliminary submission of amendment document including EA
MAY - JUNE	Final submission of amendment document including EA
JULY - AUG	Proposed Rule
SEP	Final Decision from NMFS
<b>2022</b>	
APR	Implementation

**3. \*Framework 34 - 2022 specifications, 2023 default specifications**

**Scope:** 2022 specifications, 2023 default specifications, implementing Amendment 21

**STAFF PROJECT MANAGER:**

Jonathon Peros

<b>2020 -2021</b>	
<b>JUN</b>	<b>NEFMC – Initiate Framework 34</b>
JUL-SEP	Committee / AP / PDT develop alternatives
<b>SEP</b>	<b>NEFMC – Council receives update on the development of FW 34</b>
OCT	SSC recommends ABC for FY2021 and FY2022
OCT-NOV	Committee and PDT complete documents
<b>DEC</b>	<b>NEFMC – Council takes final action</b>
DEC	Council staff complete decision draft
JAN	NMFS publishes proposed rule.
FEB	Council staff completes pre-submission, NMFS reviews EA
MAR	Staff completes final submission for NMFS review and approval
APRIL 1	NMFS publishes final rule, Implementation

## Groundfish

### 1. Amendment 23 Groundfish Monitoring

**Scope:** Consider changes to the groundfish monitoring and reporting system to ensure it is providing accurate catch information necessary to manage the fishery efficiently

STAFF PROJECT MANAGERS: Jamie Cournane/Robin Frede

<b>2017</b>	
MAR-APR	Council holds scoping hearings
APR-MAY	Groundfish Committee/PDT review scoping comments
MAY	AP develops recommendations
<b>JUN</b>	<b>Council receives scoping comments; discusses purpose/need and range of alternatives</b>
JUL-SEP	Committee/PDT develop alternatives and analyses
<b>SEP</b>	<b>Council receives progress report</b>
OCT-NOV	Committee/AP/PDT continue to develop alternatives and analyses
<b>2018</b>	
<b>JAN</b>	<b>Council receives progress report</b>
FEB-APR	PDT develops analyses and no action alternatives
<b>APR</b>	<b>Council receives progress report, no action alternatives</b>
APR-JUN	Fishery Data for Stock Assessment Working Group forms, meets to discuss objective of how fishery dependent data can be used to inform stock abundance
APR-MAY	PDT provides analyses for development of alternatives
MAY-JUN	Committee/AP receive PDT analyses, recommend initial alternatives for development
<b>JUN</b>	<b>Council receives progress report</b>
JUN-SEP	PDT develops alternatives and analyses
JUN-SEP	Fishery Data Working Group develops report to address objectives
SEP	Committee/AP review progress on developing alternatives, recommend additional alternatives for development
<b>SEP</b>	<b>Council receives progress report</b>
OCT-NOV	Fishery Data Working Group forms recommendations, completes draft report
OCT-NOV	Committee/AP/PDT continue to develop alternatives and analyses
NOV	SSC review of Fishery Data Working Group draft report
<b>DEC</b>	<b>Council receives progress report</b>
DEC	Committee/AP/PDT continue to develop alternatives and analyses

<b>2019</b>	
<b>JAN</b>	<b>Council receives final report from Fishery Data Working Group; SSC sub-panel provides report on review of Fishery Data Working Group</b>
FEB – APR	Committee, AP and PDT continue to develop alternatives and analyses
<b>APR</b>	<b>Council approves range of alternatives for further development</b>
APR	SSC sub-panel reviews PDT analytical approach to monitoring issues
MAY	Joint Committee/AP/PDT meeting to discuss and consider the SSC sub-panel review recommendations, continue to develop revisions to the draft alternatives
MAY	Committee, AP and PDT continue to develop alternatives and analyses
<b>JUN</b>	<b>SSC sub-panel provides report on review of PDT analyses; Council approves range of alternatives for analysis</b>
JUL-AUG	PDT develops DEIS
<b>SEP</b>	<b>Council receives progress report, including preliminary draft impacts analysis</b>
OCT-NOV	PDT continues to develop DEIS, Committee/AP/PDT continue to develop alternatives and analyses
<b>DEC</b>	<b>Council receives progress report</b>
DEC	PDT completes DEIS
<b>2020</b>	
JAN	PDT completes DEIS
<b>JAN</b>	<b>Council approves DEIS for public comment period/hearings and identifies preliminary preferred alternatives</b>
FEB	Staff completes preliminary DEIS submission; NMFS review of DEIS
MAR	Final submission of DEIS to NMFS
<b>MAR</b>	<b>NMFS publishes DEIS</b>
<b>JUN</b>	<b>Council receives progress report - reschedules final action</b>
JUN-AUG	Public hearing and comment period continued
<b>SEP</b>	<b>Council takes final action</b>
OCT- APR	Staff finalizes EIS
<b>2021</b>	
<del>FEB</del> APR	Preliminary Submission
<del>MAR</del> MAY	Final Submission
<del>AUG</del> -NOV	Target Effective Date*
<b>2022</b>	
MAY	Target Implementation*

- Depending on what the Council selects, there may be phased-in implementation of some requirements.

## 2. Framework 61- 2021-2023 Specifications/Management Measures

- Set 2021 total allowable catches for US/Canada management units of Eastern Georges Bank (GB) cod and Eastern GB haddock, and 2021-2022 specifications for the GB yellowtail flounder stock,
- Set 2021-2023 specifications for 9 other groundfish stocks: Georges Bank winter flounder, Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic winter flounder, Gulf of Maine winter flounder, Acadian redfish, Atlantic halibut, Northern windowpane flounder, Southern windowpane flounder, Atlantic wolffish, and ocean pout,
- Develop a rebuilding plan for white hake, and
- Add a universal sector exemption allowing fishing for redfish.

STAFF PROJECT MANAGER:

Jamie Cournane

2020	
MAY 27	Assessment Oversight Panel meeting
<b>JUN</b>	<b>Council initiates framework</b>
JUL	TRAC assessments for US/CA management units of EGB cod and EGB haddock, and the GB yellowtail flounder stock
AUG	SSC recommends ABC for GB yellowtail flounder and feedback on white hake rebuilding
SEP	TMGC recommends TACs for US/CA management units/stock
SEP	Management track assessments for redfish, halibut, wolffish, ocean pout, windowpane, and winter flounder stocks
<b>SEP</b>	<b>Council reviews progress on setting specifications for groundfish stocks, the three U.S./Canada management units/stock for 2021, and reviews draft alternatives</b>
OCT	SSC recommends ABCs for 9 groundfish stocks
<b>OCT</b>	<b>Council modified 2020 priorities for this action*</b>
<b>DEC</b>	<b>Final action on specifications and white hake rebuilding plan. Update on adding universal sector exemption for redfish, pollock and haddock</b>
2021	
<b>JAN</b>	<b>Final action on universal sector exemption allowing fishing for redfish, pollock and haddock and approval of framework for submission to NMFS</b>
<del>FEB</del> MAR	Preliminary submission of framework document to NMFS
<del>MAR</del> APR	Final submission of framework document to NMFS
<del>MAY</del> JUL- AUG*	Target Implementation

\* TIMELINE CHANGE: Council motion, October 2020 to change the 2020 groundfish priorities, so that Framework Adjustment 61 would: 1) Add a universal sector exemption allowing fishing for redfish, pollock and haddock using no smaller than 5.5-inch mesh. 2) Remove investigating ways to increase Georges Bank haddock utilization from further consideration in the action. The Council split final action on the framework between the December (specifications) and January (redfish exemption area) Council meetings. This late year change by the Council caused a delay in the action.

**3. \*Framework 63 - 2022-2024 Specifications/Management Measures**

- Set 2022 total allowable catches for US/Canada management units of Eastern Georges Bank (GB) cod and Eastern GB haddock, and 2021-2022 specifications for the GB yellowtail flounder stock
- Set 2022-2024 specifications for GB cod, Gulf of Maine (GOM) cod, GB haddock, and GOM haddock,
- Set 2022 specifications for white hake, based on the rebuilding plan,
- Complete a review of the sub-ACL for GB haddock in the midwater trawl fishery, and
- Other management measures, as necessary.

STAFF PROJECT MANAGER:

Jamie Courneane

<b>2021</b>	
MAY 26	Assessment Oversight Panel meeting
<b>JUN</b>	<b>Council initiates framework</b>
JUL 12-13	TRAC assessments for US/CA management unit of EGB cod and the GB yellowtail flounder stock
JUL 14-16	Haddock Research Track Peer Review
AUG 25	SSC recommends ABCs for GB yellowtail flounder and white hake
SEP 13-17	Management track assessments for GB cod, GOM cod, GB haddock, and GOM haddock
SEPT TBD	TRAC assessment for US/CA management unit of EGB haddock
<b>SEP</b>	<b>Council reviews progress on developing draft alternatives</b>
OCT 13-14	TMGC/SC recommends TACs for US/CA management units/stock
OCT 25	SSC recommends ABCs for 9 groundfish stocks
<b>DEC</b>	<b>Council receives draft alternatives and takes final action</b>
<b>2021</b>	
JAN	Preliminary submission of framework document to NMFS
FEB	Final submission of framework document to NMFS
MAY	Target Implementation

## Herring

### 1. Framework 7 – Spawning protection for herring on Georges Bank

STAFF PROJECT MANAGER: Deirdre Boelke

2019	
<b>SEP</b>	<b>Council initiates action</b>
2020	
JAN-MAY	Committee and PDT develop action
<b>APR</b>	<b>Update: approve goal and objectives</b>
<b>JUN</b>	<b>Update: approval of some alternatives</b>
<b>SEP</b>	<b>Update of progress on FW</b>
2021	
<b>TBD</b>	<b>Council final action</b>
TBD	NMFS publishes proposed rule
TBD	NMFS publishes final rule
TBD	Implementation

### 2. Framework 8 – Herring specifications 2021-2023 & mackerel OY issue

STAFF PROJECT MANAGER: Deirdre Boelke

2020	
<b>JAN</b>	<b>Council initiates action</b>
FEB-MAY	Committee and PDT develop action
<b>JUN</b>	<b>Update and possible approval of alternatives to consider for mackerel issue</b>
<b>SEP</b>	<b>Council final action</b>
2021	
FEB ✓	Final submission to NMFS
TBD	NMFS publishes final rule (target of Mar)
TBD	Target Implementation (target of Mar)

**3. \*Framework 9 - Rebuilding program and possible adjustment of accountability measures**

STAFF PROJECT MANAGER: Deirdre Boelke

<b>2021</b>	
JAN-APR	Committee and PDT develop action
<b>APR</b>	<b>Update</b>
<b>JUN</b>	<b>Possible approval of alternatives</b>
<b>SEP</b>	<b>Final action</b>
DEC	Final submission to NMFS
<b>2022</b>	
TBD	NMFS publishes proposed rule
TBD	NMFS publishes final rule
TBD	Implementation

*Note: Herring work items may be packaged differently as Framework 7 and Framework 9 develop.*

## Whiting (Small-mesh Multispecies)

### 1. Framework 62 - Southern Red Hake Rebuilding Plan

**Scope:** Measures to address the overfished status of southern red hake and begin stock rebuilding.

STAFF PROJECT MANAGERS: Andrew Applegate /Jennifer Couture

2019	
MAR-JUN	Committee / PDT develop alternatives and bycatch analysis
<b>JUN</b>	<b>Council receives bycatch analysis</b>
JUL	Annual monitoring report completed
<b>SEP</b>	<b>Council receives annual monitoring report / initiates action</b>
NOV-DEC	PDT works on developing conceptual rebuilding approaches for red hake
<b>DEC</b>	<b>Council receives PDT report on conceptual rebuilding approaches for red hake</b>
2020	
JAN	PDT continues work on developing conceptual approaches for red hake rebuilding
<b>JAN</b>	<b>Council approves red hake rebuilding approaches for analysis</b>
FEB-MAR	PDT analyzes alternatives
<b>APR</b>	<b>Council receives update on progress</b>
MAY	PDT analyzes alternatives and drafts action document
<b>JUN</b>	<b>Council approves final alternative</b>
AUG 12	Preliminary Submission
AUG 25	The southern red hake possession limit reduced from 5,000 lbs to 400 lbs as an in-season AM
JAN	Final Submission
TBD	Target Implementation

## 2. Specifications for Fishing Years 2021-2023

**Scope:** Adjustments to catch limits and potentially some measures for the 2021-2023 fishing years.

STAFF PROJECT MANAGER: Andrew Applegate

<b>2020</b>	
OCT/DEC	PDT develops SAFE Report for fishing year 2019
SEP	Management track assessment
<b>SEP</b>	<b>Council receives preliminary Management Track assessment reports.</b>
OCT-DEC	PDT develops annual catch limit recommendations based on the management track assessment results and develops alternatives
NOV	SSC reviews and approves annual catch limit recommendations
NOV	Committee and advisors develop alternatives to adjust measures, e.g., possession limits
<b>DEC</b>	<b>Council receives recommendations from SSC and Committee and identifies measures to be adjusted by specification package</b>
DEC-JAN	Staff and PDT analyze alternatives and draft specification document
<b>2021</b>	
<b>JAN</b>	<b>Council approves final alternative</b>
FEB-MAR	Staff prepares final document, informal comments addressed
APR	Staff submits preliminary document to NOAA Fisheries
<del>MAY</del> TBD	Target Implementation

# Habitat

## 1. Omnibus Deep-Sea Coral Amendment

**Scope:** Designate deep-sea coral protection zones in the Gulf of Maine, continental slope and canyons, and New England seamounts, and develop fishing restrictions to protect corals within those zones.

STAFF PROJECT MANAGER: Michelle Bachman

<b>2008-2013</b>	
FEB 2008	Council directed PDT to evaluate information related to deep-sea corals
2010-2012	Committee and PDT develop alternatives
<b>APR 2012</b>	<b>Council approves range of alternatives for analysis</b>
AUG 2012	Notice of intent to split habitat amendment
<b>SEP 2012</b>	<b>Council splits coral alternatives from Omnibus Habitat Amendment 2</b>
<b>JUN 2013</b>	<b>Council approves MOU to coordinate with MAFMC and SAFMC on coral protection</b>
<b>2015</b>	
<b>JUN</b>	<b>Council approves remaining aspects of OHA2</b>
<b>DEC</b>	<b>Council identifies coral amendment as 2016 priority</b>
DEC 4 & 15	Habitat PDT meetings
<b>2016</b>	
MAR	Habitat Committee meeting
AUG-FEB	PDT analysis, development of draft EA
<b>SEP</b>	<b>Council receives update</b>
<b>NOV</b>	<b>Council reviews preliminary impacts analysis; refines range of alternatives</b>
<b>2017</b>	
MAR	Develop EA, Advisory Panel review, additional Committee work, workshop
<b>APR</b>	<b>Council finalizes range of alternatives including final zone boundaries, prior to hearings, selects preferred alternatives</b>
MAY-JUN	Public hearings
<b>JUN</b>	<b>Final action postponed for Council to consider new alternative</b>
JUL 2017 - JAN 2018	PDT/Committee work to further analyze/consider new alternative for continental slope/canyons
<b>SEP &amp; DEC</b>	<b>Council receives updates on work to further analyze/consider new alternative for continental slope/canyons</b>
<b>2018</b>	
<b>JAN</b>	<b>Council takes final action</b>
DEC 21	Preliminary submission of Deep-Sea Coral Amendment and draft EA
<b>2019</b>	
MAY	Staff receives comments on preliminary submission from GARFO
JUN	Final submission
NOV 20 ✓	NFMS approves amendment
<b>2020-2021</b>	
JAN 3, 2020✓	Proposed rule published

TBD	Implementation
-----	----------------

## Skates

### 1. Amendment 5 – Limited access and other measures for Skate FMP

**Scope:** Develop Limited access program and other measures for the Skate FMP

**STAFF PROJECT MANAGER:** Rachel Feeney

<b>2016</b>	
<b>NOV</b>	<b>Council approves scoping document</b>
<b>2017</b>	
JAN-FEB	Scoping hearings
<b>APR</b>	<b>Council reviews scoping comments</b>
<b>2018</b>	
MAY-NOV	Work on Amendment 5 postponed to complete skate framework actions
<b>2019</b>	
MAR-MAY	Committee/PDT develop alternatives and preliminary analyses
<b>APR/JUN</b>	<b>Council receives progress report</b>
APR-DEC	Committee/PDT continue to develop alternatives and preliminary analyses
<b>DEC</b>	<b>Council receives progress report, tasks Committee to develop problem statement, goals and objectives</b>
<b>2020</b>	
JAN - JUN	PDT continues to provide background fishery data; Committee develops problem statement and an additional objective
<b>JUN</b>	<b>Council receives progress report</b>
<b>SEP</b>	<b>Council approves problem statement, goals, and types of measures</b>
<b>DEC</b>	<b>Council approves supplemental scoping document</b>
<b>2021</b>	
JAN/FEB	Supplemental scoping period
<b>APR</b>	<b>Council reviews scoping comments, identifies next steps</b>
<b>TBD</b>	<b>Council approves range of alternatives for analysis in draft EIS</b>
TBD	PDT completes DEIS
<b>TBD</b>	<b>Council approves draft EIS for public review</b>
TBD	Public hearings
<b>TBD</b>	<b>Council takes final action</b>
TBD	Implementation

## 2. Specifications for Fishing Years 2022-2023

**Scope:** Adjustments to catch limits and possession limits for the 2021-2023 fishing years.

STAFF PROJECT MANAGER:

Rachel Feeney

<b>2021</b>	
MAR	PDT preliminary work to support alternatives development; Committee and AP receive brief update
<b>APR</b>	<b>Council meeting – update</b>
APR-JUN	PDT develops background for ABC recommendations and other alternatives
MAY-JUN	Committee and AP develop alternatives to adjust measures, e.g., possession limits
<b>JUN</b>	<b>Council meeting – update</b>
JUL	SSC meeting to recommend ABC
AUG	PDT prepares specifications document; Final AP and Committee meetings to consider impact analysis and recommend preferred alternatives
<b>SEP</b>	<b>Council takes final action</b>
OCT	Preliminary submission of document to NMFS
MAY 1	Target Implementation

## Ecosystems Based Fishery Management

**Scope:** Phase II – Develop worked example of integrated Example Fishery Ecosystem Plan for Georges Bank.

Georges Bank.

STAFF PROJECT MANAGER: Andrew Applegate

2017	
JAN	<b>NEFMC - Georges Bank Example Fishery Ecosystem Plan (eFEP) - Committee progress report</b>
FEB – MAY	Committee and PDT continue work on examples of GB Ecosystem Production Unit (EPU) operating models and draft ecosystem forage fish mgt. policy
SEP	<b>NEFMC - Georges Bank Example Fishery Ecosystem Plan – report on quantitative worked examples of GB EPU operating models and harvest control rules</b>
TBD	PDT develops MSE work plan
2018	
JAN	<b>DELAYED</b> – Center for Independent Experts (CIE) peer review of EBFM catch framework and application of operating models
APR 30-MAY 4	Center for Independent Experts (CIE) peer review of EBFM catch framework and application of operating models
JUN	EBFM Committee develops course of action to further development of eFEP
SEP	<b>NEFMC – Council receives summary of CIE review</b>
SEP 2018 – APR 2019	PDT fleshes out remaining details of eFEP framework; NEFSC and others continue operating model development, incorporating CIE recommendations
2019	
JAN	<b>Council receives progress report on eFEP issues; adopts plan for future development possibly including an MSE process.</b>
JUN	Secure MSE steering panel membership and begin planning, using the eFEP template and available draft discussion documents; retrospective analysis of herring MSE
JUL-AUG	Council contracts with experts to conduct MSE facilitator
SEP	<b>Council receives complete eFEP framework; MSE Steering Committee progress report</b>
DEC	<b>MSE Steering Committee makes recommendations for an MSE process to evaluate Georges Bank Ecosystem Production Unit management procedures, including stakeholder engagement.</b>
2020	
JAN-FEB	Staff develops RFP for EBFM science communicator and communicator begins contract
MAR– JUN	EBFM, staff, and the EBFM Committee work with GreenFinStudio to produce public information materials. Plan public meetings and contract with facilitators.
JUN	<b>Council receives final draft outreach materials from GreenFinStudio</b>
JUN-JUL	Council receives final outreach deliverables from GreenFinStudio
JUL-AUG	Committee develops recommendations for workshop format and framework, based on public outreach materials
AUG-SEP	Council staff solicits applications for facilitators and negotiates statement of work; organizes meetings
SEP	<b>Council receives planning update on public outreach workshops</b>
OCT	<b>Council discussion of path for EBFM</b>

<b>DEC</b>	<b>Council discussion of path for EBFM continued</b>
<b>2021</b>	
FEB	Council adds five stakeholder members to the MSE Steering Committee
MAR-MAY	MSE Steering Committee develops and recommends workshop plan
<b>JUN</b>	<b>Council approves workshop plan</b>
JUL-AUG	Hire needed contractors and schedule workshops
SEP-NOV	Council conducts public outreach meetings and analysis
NOV-DEC	Analyze and summarize workshops
<b>DEC</b>	<b>Council receives workshop reports and decides how to proceed with EBFM development</b>
<b>2022</b>	
TBD	Create ecosystem diagrams and refine operating models (NEFSC)
TBD	SSC review of ecosystem diagrams and refine operating models
TBD	Analyze Management Strategies (NEFSC) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Present initial strategies at workshops</li> <li>• Identify most viable strategies (MSE)</li> <li>• Present final results to SSC</li> </ul> Present MSE results to the Council
TBD	<b>Council receives MSE report and determines whether and how to proceed with an actual Fishery Ecosystem Plan</b>

## EVTR for Commercial Vessels

**Scope:** Require electronic reporting of vessel trip reports (eVTRs) for vessels with permits under New England and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council FMPs

PROJECT MANAGERS: Sam Asci – NEFMC  
Karson Coutre – MAFMC

<b>2018</b>	
DEC 2018	Initiation
<b>2019</b>	
JAN-FEB	Formation of FMAT
MAR	FMAT to develop initial draft alternatives/discuss analyses
MAR	Joint AP meeting
<b>APR</b>	<b>MAFMC Council meeting—Framework meeting 1</b>
<b>APR</b>	<b>NEFMC Council meeting—update to NEFMC</b>
MAY	Follow up FMAT meeting
<b>JUN</b>	<b>NEFMC Council meeting—initiate Framework action</b>
JUL	AP/industry webinar
<b>SEP</b>	<b>NEFMC Council meeting—Framework meeting 1</b>
OCT	FMAT meeting
NOV	AP/Industry webinar
<b>DEC</b>	<b>MAFMC - Final action</b>
<b>2020</b>	
<b>JAN</b>	<b>NEFMC - Final action</b>
MAR 4	Preliminary submission of Commercial eVTR Framework
APR 8	Staff receives comments on preliminary submission from GARFO
APR 14	Final submission
JUL 17	Proposed Rule
NOV-10 ✓	Approval of action by NOAA/NMFS
<b>2021</b>	
NOV-21	Target implementation date