

Management Timelines

NEFMC Executive Committee

March 25, 2026

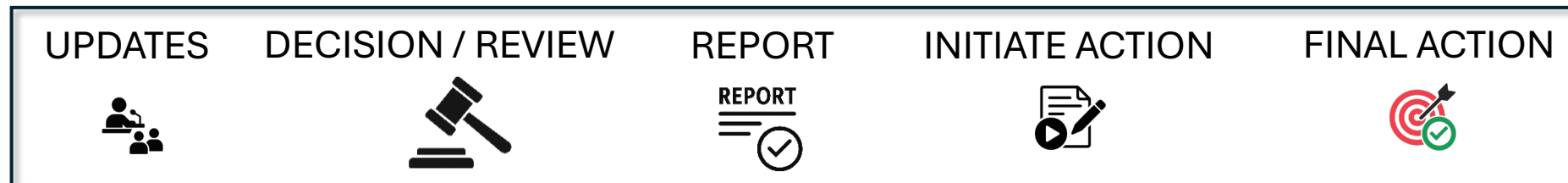


New England
Fishery Management
Council

Report to Executive Committee

- Updates on Recent Council Actions
- Overview of 2026 Work Priorities and Management Actions















No action required today, update for planning purposes



Status of Recent Council Actions

















FMP	Action Name / Focus	Final Action	NEPA	Preliminary Submission	Final Submission	Proposed Rule	Final Rule	Effective
Omnibus	Management Flexibility Action	23-Sep-25	CE	6-Nov-25	4-Feb-26			
Groundfish	Framework 69	4-Dec-25	EA	7-Jan-25	11-Mar-25	7-Jan-26	8-Mar-26	9-Mar-26
Groundfish	Amendment 25 Revised	24-Sep-25	EA	12-Dec-25	5-Mar-26	18-Mar-26		
Groundfish	Framework 72	3-Dec-25	SIR	3-Mar-26				
Scallops	Framework 40	3-Dec-25	SIR	5-Jan-26	4-Feb-26			
Skate	Specifications	23-Sep-25	SIR	17-Nov-26	11-Feb-26			
Monkfish	Framework 17	23-Sep-25	SIR	24-Nov-25	20-Jan-26			
Habitat	EFH Designation Framework	24-Sep-25	CE					
Dogfish	Specifications and AM Framework	2-Dec-26	EA					
Herring	2025-2027 Specifications	26-Sep-24	SIR	8-Oct-24	6-May-25	25-Jun-25	11-Dec-25	11-Dec-25


2026 Priorities and Outlook – Management Topics

Topic	April	June	September	December	January	NEPA
Risk Policy						
Revised Concept & Weightings						FMP Specific
Holistic Strategic Plan						
Draft Plan and Report – Parnin Group	 					N/A
Final Plan, Implementation Plan, Outreach						N/A
Other Updates						
Risk Value Matrix						N/A
EO 14276						FMP Specific
Vessel Baseline Evaluation						TBD
Inflation Reduction Act Initiatives						TBD



















UPDATES	DECISION / REVIEW	REPORT	INITIATE ACTION	FINAL ACTION
				

2026 Priorities and Outlook – Fishery Management Plans

FMP / Priority	April	June	September	December	January	NEPA
Groundfish 						
Redfish Sector Exemption Review						N/A
Amendment 23 Review						N/A
FW68 - ABC Control Rule						TBD
FW74 – FY27-31 Specs and other measures						EA
Recreational Measures						NMFS
Scallops 						
FW 42 – FY27-28 Specs and other measures						EA
Develop new projection methods						N/A






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2026 Priorities and Outlook – Fishery Management Plans

FMP / Priority	April	June	September	December	January	NEPA
Monkfish & Skates 						
Monkfish CPUE Review						
Monkfish/Skate Wing IFQ Scoping	 	 				
White Paper on 2025 Joint Management						
Herring 						
FY27-31 Specs and river herring/shad measures						EA
Small-Mesh 						
FY27-31 Specs and other measures						EA or SIR
Habitat 						
EFH Framework 2						CE

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April Meeting Overview

UPDATES 	DECISION / REVIEW 	REPORTS 	INITIATE ACTION 	FINAL ACTION 
Risk Policy Concept - Revisions	Approve Monkfish / Skate IFQ Scoping Doc	Redfish Sector Exemption Review		
Risk / Value Matrix – National and Regional Activities	E.O. 14276 – Review comments and Council workplan	Monkfish / Skate White Paper on Joint Management		
Herring Action – Specifications and Other Measures	Review Draft Holistic Strategic Plan	Monkfish CPUE Review		
		2026 State of the Ecosystem Report		

