

**QUESTIONS ON FISHERY PERFORMANCE  
ASKED OF NEFMC ADVISORY PANELS IN RECENT MEETINGS**  
November 4, 2025

***SCALLOP AP***

*April 1, 2025 AP meeting*

1. Has outlook for FY 2025 changed since recommending specifications alternatives back in November?
  - a. Area II
  - b. Southern Flank
  - c. Channel
  - d. New York Bight
  - e. Elephant Trunk
2. Beyond LPUE and price data, are there other fishery ‘warning signs’ that are important for the Scallop PDT to consider?

***MONKFISH AND SKATE APs***

*March 19, 2025 Joint AP meeting*

1. What factors have influenced recent fishing activity and how (e.g., changes in Monkfish days-at-sea (DAS) implemented in August 2023, changes in skate possession limits implemented in July 2024, environment/ecosystem, species distribution, domestic and foreign markets, costs)?
2. How might these factors change in FY 2025? How do you expect the fisheries to adjust?
3. Have the fisheries returned to a pre-pandemic state or is there a new normal emerging?
4. Have any recent regulatory changes affected the fisheries and how (e.g., pending management measures to reduce Atlantic sturgeon bycatch, other protected species concerns, etc.)?
5. Are the current fishery regulations appropriate? How could they be improved and how would the improvements affect the monkfish and skate fisheries?
6. What other factors may impact the monkfish and skate fisheries going forward?

*September 16-17, 2025 Joint AP meeting*

1. Has the change in how Monkfish DAS are allocated via Monkfish Framework 13 had an impact on the fishing industry (there was a prior DAS use restriction only in the southern area and now there are separate northern and southern DAS allocations and an overall DAS cap across areas)?
2. What impact has the increase in skate possession limits in July 2024 had on fishing for monkfish and overall monkfish & skate fishing trip efficiency?
3. Any changes in catch or general availability of monkfish and skates during the winter and spring 2025 seasons?
4. Has there been any change of price and/or marketing of monkfish and skates?
  - Any consistency across the southern regions or within certain areas of the southern fishery management area?

## ***GROUNDFISH AND RECREATIONAL APs***

### ***June 10, 2025 Joint AP meeting***

1. Catches so far this fishing year compared to last?
2. Changes in seasonality/availability of different stocks?
3. Market considerations?
4. Region or port level considerations?
5. Beyond catch/effort and price data, are there other fishery ‘warning signs’ that are important to be aware of?
6. Recreational fishery catch and effort – by region/season mode?

## ***HERRING AP***

### ***June 13, 2024 AP meeting with Research Track Working Group***

1. How have market conditions been over the last few years since the implementation of lower quotas? Are there other economic considerations that are important to understanding the current state of the fishery?
2. What changes to your fishing practices have you implemented over the past few years (e.g., in the last 5 years or so)?
3. Recently, recruitment to this stock seems low. What factors do you think contributed to this state?
4. There appeared to be decent recruitment in 2018, but that hasn’t translated to older fish in the years after 2018. Do you have any ideas as to why that happened?
5. Are you seeing the same patterns in abundance inshore versus offshore?
6. Have you noticed any changes in the timing of spawning or migrations versus the past? And if so, what environmental factors do you think could contribute to this?
7. What predators on herring do you think are most important? Have you observed changes in the types, quantity, or location of these predators?
8. Is there other information about the ecology or dynamics of this fishery that you think is important and/or that fisheries scientists may overlook or fail to understand?

## ***WHITING AP***

### ***November 20, 2023 Joint AP-Committee meeting***

AP members were asked to comment on the Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation report, but no specific questions were asked.