

Stock Assessment Schedule

2020

March - Research Track	September - Management Track
Red Hake Stock Structure (Completed)	Acadian redfish - Gulf of Maine / Georges Bank Atlantic halibut - Northwestern Atlantic Coast Atlantic wolffish - Gulf of Maine / Georges Bank Ocean pout - Northwestern Atlantic Coast
June - Management Track	Red hake - Gulf of Maine / Northern Georges Bank Red hake - Southern Georges Bank / Mid-Atlantic Sea scallop - Northwestern Atlantic Coast Silver & Offshore hake - Southern Georges Bank / Mid-Atlantic Silver hake - Gulf of Maine / Northern Georges Bank Windowpane - Gulf of Maine / Georges Bank Windowpane - Southern New England / Mid-Atlantic
Atlantic herring - Northwestern Atlantic Coast Atlantic surfclam - Mid-Atlantic Coast Butterfish - Gulf of Maine / Cape Hatteras Longfin inshore squid - Georges Bank / Cape Hatteras Ocean quahog - Atlantic Coast	Winter flounder - Georges Bank Winter flounder - Gulf of Maine Winter flounder - Southern New England / Mid-Atlantic
July TRAC - US/Canada	
Atlantic cod - Eastern Georges Bank Haddock - Eastern Georges Bank Yellowtail flounder - Georges Bank	
November - Research Track	
Index Based Methods and Control Rules	

2021

March - Research Track	September - Management Track
Haddock - Gulf of Maine, Georges Bank, Eastern Georges Bank	American plaice - Gulf of Maine / Georges Bank Atlantic cod - Georges Bank Atlantic cod - Gulf of Maine
June - Management Track	Barndoor skate - Georges Bank / Southern New England Clearnose skate - Southern New England / Mid-Atlantic Haddock - Georges Bank Haddock - Gulf of Maine Little skate - Georges Bank / Southern New England Pollock - Gulf of Maine / Georges Bank Rosette skate - Southern New England / Mid-Atlantic Sea scallop - Northwestern Atlantic Coast
Atlantic mackerel Black sea bass - Mid-Atlantic Coast Bluefish - Atlantic Coast Golden Tilefish - Mid-Atlantic Coast Scup - Atlantic Coast Summer flounder - Mid-Atlantic Coast Striped bass - Gulf of Maine / Cape Hatteras	Smooth skate - Gulf of Maine Thorny skate - Gulf of Maine White hake - Gulf of Maine / Georges Bank Winter skate - Georges Bank / Southern New England Witch flounder - Northwestern Atlantic Coast Yellowtail flounder - Cape Cod / Gulf of Maine Yellowtail flounder - Southern New England / Mid-Atlantic
July TRAC - US/Canada	
Atlantic cod - Eastern Georges Bank Haddock - Eastern Georges Bank Yellowtail flounder - Georges Bank	
November - Research Track	
Butterfish and Shortfin Squid	

2022-2024 Research Track Assessments

Spring 2022: American Plaice and Spiny Dogfish
Fall 2022: Black Sea Bass and Bluetish
Spring 2023: Atlantic Cod (all stocks)
Fall 2023: Applying State Space Models (multiple stocks)
Spring 2024: Golden Tilefish and Sea Scallops
Fall 2024: Yellowtail Flounder (all stocks)

Questions

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Do you have information that could answer the following questions?

<p><u>Acadian Redfish</u> Brian,Linton@noaa.gov</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The 2017 redfish assessment predicted a relatively strong year class in 2013 (currently age 7 and around 10" in length). Have you seen any changes in the sizes of redfish being caught in the last few years? 2. Have you noticed any changes in where redfish are caught since the last stock assessment in 2017? 3. Have there been any changes in the market for redfish since the last stock assessment in 2017? <p><u>Atlantic Wolffish/Ocean Pout</u> Charles.Adams@noaa.gov</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Given the no possession limit, do you try to avoid wolffish/ocean pout? 2. What areas/time of year do you encounter wolffish/ocean pout? 3. What type of gear do you typically encounter wolffish/ocean pout with? 	<p><u>Silver and Offshore Hake</u> Larry.Alade@noaa.gov</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has there been a change in fishing activity or changes in the distribution and observed size composition of the catches in the fishery in the last 10 years? Do you think this is a result of the large year classes from 2011-2013? 2. In the Southern management unit, there is a known co-occurrence of offshore hake and silver hake in the fishery catch due to similarities between both species. Has there been a change in the proportion of offshore hake in the catches in recent years? What would you say has been the observed relative magnitude of offshore hake in the whiting fishery? 3. Other than market demands, what are other factors affecting marketability of whiting? How would you characterize market conditions in the last 5 years? 4. How has COVID-19 affected the whiting fishery?
<p><u>GOM Winter Flounder</u> Paul.Nitschke@noaa.gov</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Do you think the GOM winter flounder stock biomass is higher or lower relative to the 1980s and/or the 1990s? 2. Do you think the distribution of the Gulf of Maine winter flounder stock has shifted relative to the 1980s and/or the 1990s? 3. Do you think the size distribution of your catch has changed relative to the 1980s and/or 1990s? <p><u>SNE Winter Flounder</u> Anthony.Wood@noaa.gov</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A number of research projects are currently examining sub-stock structure within the SNEMA winter flounder stock. Have you observed anything that would support the idea that the SNEMA winter flounder is fractured into sub stocks? 2. Have you observed large aggregations of SNEMA winter flounder in recent years? If so, were they spawning aggregations or smaller fish? 3. How do you think SNEMA winter flounder are responding to increasing water temperatures and degradation of habitat? 	<p><u>Red Hake</u> Toni.Chute@noaa.gov</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the southern part of the stock area (south and west of Georges Bank) are you seeing more spotted hake than red hake or just more spotted hake? 2. Are you seeing an increase in demand for, or willingness to try, red hake as lobster bait? Is this confined to the Northern area? <p><u>Windowpane</u> Toni.Chute@noaa.gov</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why do you think the populations of windowpane have shown the trends they have? 2. In the south, the median survey catch from the 1960s to the mid 1980s was three times higher than the median catch from 1986 forward. It was as if there was a sudden population drop in the mid-eighties. Why do you think this was? 3. In the north, survey catches were low in the 1960s, then increased in the 1970s and 1980s, and are back low again in most recent years. Why were the 1970s and 1980s so good for windowpane?