New England Fishery Management Council

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Council Launches Facebook and YouTube Channels; Updates Website with Cross-Fishery Topics

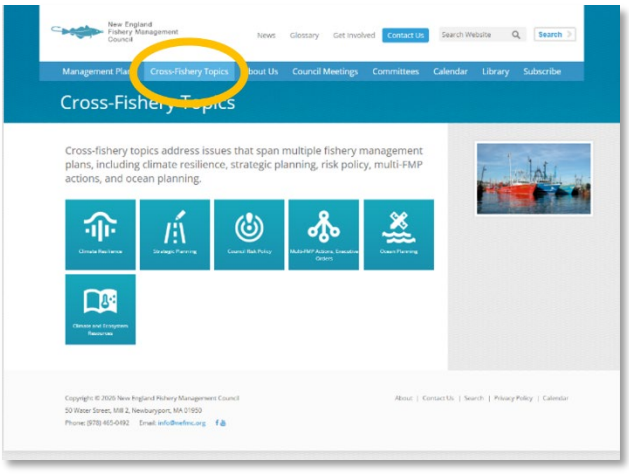
The New England Fishery Management Council has launched a suite of online tools to increase public access to information. This includes both a **Facebook page** and **YouTube channel**, along with **updates to the webpage** as part of an ongoing commitment to transparency of the management process.

STAY CONNECTED WITH THE COUNCIL FACEBOOK PAGE

The Facebook page has been purposefully designed as a streamlined space to share critical Council information. The page will serve as a dedicated, reliable feed for upcoming meeting announcements, agendas, and post-meeting press releases. Find and follow the Council page at: www.facebook.com/NewEnglandFMC

EASY ACCESS TO "CROSS-FISHERY TOPICS" ADDED TO WEBPAGE

The Council's homepage was recently updated to highlight "Cross-Fishery Topics." Like the existing "Management Plans" tab, this drop-down menu of six topics that cross fishery management plans and include:



- Climate Resilience that outlines Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) funded projects and serves as a permanent home for projects related to ABC Control Rules and the Management Transition for Northeast Multispecies; Operationalizing Ecosystem Approaches; and the East Coast Climate Change Scenario Planning Initiative among others.
- Strategic Planning is the permanent home for the new Holistic Strategic Plan along with the roadmap and implementation charter. This page will also share future updates on performance tracking and engagement.
- Council Risk Policy includes the policy document itself along with permanent links to the explainer video and public toolkit.
- Multi-FMP Actions & Executive Orders covers broad efforts such as the Management Flexibility Omnibus Amendment and current Executive Orders affecting the Council.

- Ocean Planning details how the Council monitors offshore wind, aquaculture, and other emerging marine use developments.
- Climate and Ecosystem Resources is a clearinghouse for internal and external tools and resources dedicated to understanding shifting ecosystems across the New England fisheries.

RISK POLICY EXPLAINER VIDEO AVAILABLE ON YOUTUBE

Council staff produced a short (10 min) plain-language video that explains the Risk Policy, why the policy was revised, and how it works. The Risk Policy was adopted in 2026, and provides a systematic, transparent framework for characterizing risk and deciding how much risk the Council is willing to accept in a management decision. It uses a set of factors and combines the Council's policy preferences with recent data to determine a risk tolerance which can then be applied to a range of management decisions. The video is now available on the Council's YouTube channel found here: https://www.youtube.com/@NEFMC_Social



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