



New England Fishery Management Council

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New England Council Marks 50 Years of Regional Fisheries Management

The New England Fishery Management Council will mark the 50th anniversary of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) at its June Council Meeting in Mystic, Connecticut on June 23-25, 2026.



SUSTAINING FISHERIES AND FISHING COMMUNITIES SINCE 1976

The Council system was established by Congress through the MSA on April 13, 1976. Since their creation, the [eight regional Councils](#) have promoted sustainable management of U.S. Fisheries, in partnership with NOAA Fisheries, states, tribes, and communities. The Councils have rebuilt fish stocks, reduced bycatch, and protected essential fish habitat all while supporting sustained harvest with the goal of maximizing benefits to fishing communities and consumers.

To mark the anniversary, the Councils developed an [interactive timeline](#) highlighting major milestones in U.S. fisheries management over the past five decades and an online [photo slide gallery](#). The anniversary was also featured by NOAA in a [recent story](#).



JUNE MEETING

The Council will begin its June meeting in Mystic, CT at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, June 23, 2026. On top of a full, three-day [agenda](#), the Council invites the public to a reception celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Magnuson-Stevens Act on Tuesday, June 23rd at 6:00 p.m. at the [Mystic Hilton Hotel](#) lounge.

For more meeting information including webinar registration, submitting public comment, or directions please visit the June meeting [webpage](#).