

Council Planning Update June 2026

New England Fishery Management Council

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Mystic, CT



**New England Fishery
Management Council**

2026 Priorities and Outlook – Management Topics

Topic	June	September	December	February	April
Risk Policy					
Revised Concept & Weightings					
Holistic Strategic Plan					
Final Plan, Implementation Plan, Outreach					
Other Updates					
Regional Stock Prioritization					
Ecosystem Component Process					
Vessel Baseline Evaluation					
Inflation Reduction Act Initiatives					
UPDATES DECISION / REVIEW REPORT INITIATE ACTION FINAL ACTION					

2026 Priorities and Outlook – Fishery Management Plans

FMP / Priority	June	September	December	February	April
Groundfish 					
Redfish Sector Exemption Review					
Amendment 23 Review					
FW68 - ABC Control Rule					
FW74 – FY27-31 Specs and other measures					
Recreational Measures					
Scallops 					
FY27-28 Specs					
FW42 – NGOM and DAS measures					
Develop new projection methods					
UPDATES  DECISION / REVIEW  REPORT  INITIATE ACTION  FINAL ACTION 					

2026 Priorities and Outlook – Fishery Management Plans

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Monkfish & Skates 					
Monkfish/Skate Listening Sessions					
Herring 					
FY27-31 Specs					
River Herring and Shad, other measures					
Small-Mesh					
FY27-31 Specs					
Habitat 					
EFH Framework 2					
GSC Clam Exemption Area Review					

UPDATES



DECISION / REVIEW



REPORT



INITIATE ACTION



FINAL ACTION



Outlook – September Meeting Overview

UPDATES 	DECISION / REVIEW 	REPORTS 	INITIATE ACTION 	FINAL ACTION 
Groundfish Action: Specifications (FW74)		Vessel Baseline Evaluation		Herring Action: Specifications
Small Mesh Action: Specifications		Regional Stock Prioritization		Holistic Strategic Plan Implementation
Scallop Action: Specifications		GSC Clam Exemption Review		EFH Framework 2

Planned Activities and Meetings

- US/Canada Transboundary Management
 - Technical Science Coordination – July 13
 - US Industry Advisory Group – mid-August
- IRA Semi-Annual Grant Report – July 31
- NRCC Intersessional – mid-August
- SSC Dynamic Reference Points follow-up – August 11-12
- Ex Com Holistic Strategic Plan Meeting – mid-August



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