

Activities	24-Sep	Oct-Dec 24	Jan-Jun 25	Jul-Dec 25	Jan-Jun 26	Jul-Dec 26	Jan-Jun 27	Jul-Dec 27
IRA 1 - Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) Control Rules for Northeast Multispecies								
Council RFP, solicit experienced firm, execute contract (staff)								
Simulation testing with integrated Risk Policy (contract – w/IRA 3)								
Draft ABC Control Rule with tiered and phase-in approach alternatives (Council)								
Council approval of ABC control rule (Council)								
Implementation of new ABC control rule – start of fishing year (Council)								
IRA 2 - Atlantic Cod (Groundfish) Management Transition								
Council RFP, solicit experienced firm, execute contract (staff)								
Public engagement workshops (contract)								
Draft cod and groundfish transition planning (Council)								
Council approval of new cod and groundfish management measures (Council)								
Implementation of new ABC control rule – start of fishing year (Council)								FUTURE
IRA 3 - Operationalizing Ecosystem Approaches in New England Fisheries Management								
Establish the Climate and Ecosystem Steering Committee (Council)								
Coordinate with NEFSC for integrating State of the Ecosystem Report into Council actions (CEFI Integration)								
Develop roadmap for implementing the revised Risk Policy with consideration of climate vulnerability (contract)								
Review and revise Council FMP ABC control rules to integrate Risk Policy and consider climate and non-stationarity (staff)								
SSC Workshop on non-stationarity in reference points and control rules following SCS 8 Meeting (contract)								
Review National Standard 1 Guidelines to develop recommendations for Ecosystem Component stocks (staff)								
Apply Community Basis Function Modeling for drafting FMP revisions or additions for Ecosystem Component stocks (contract)								
IRA 4 - Operationalizing the East Coast Climate Change Scenario Planning Initiative								
Examine species and fishery distributions and projected changes to assess representative membership (CEFI Integration)								
Program evaluation of committees and APs, information flow, # of meetings, and integration of recommendations (Council)								
Council consideration of program review findings to identify opportunities and solutions (Council)								
Workshop #1: Review and document existing approaches and consider novel approaches (Coordination Group)								
Report #1: Existing agreements and new opportunities for the Greater Atlantic region (Coordination Group – Core Team)								
Workshop #2: Develop coordinated Regional Operating Agreements, including ESA (NRCC)								
Report #2: Documented procedures and approaches for coordinated multi-organizational management (NRCC)								
Portfolio analysis of Greater Atlantic region with technical report and SSC review (contract; SSC)								
Facilitated stakeholder meetings to gather input on potential permit restructuring options (contract; staff)								
Develop roadmap for alternative permit structure to inform Council actions with SSC review (contract)								
Revise Regional Operating Agreements and SOPPs (Council; NRCC)								FUTURE
IRA 5 - Holistic Strategic Plan for Climate Resilient New England Fisheries Management								
Council RFP, solicit experienced firms, execute contracts (staff)								
Project planning, kickoff meeting, identify objectives, develop work plan, resources, and due dates (Council; contractor)								
Discovery phase: background, meetings, and interviews with Council and other groups (Coord. Group), summarize findings (contract)								
Assessment phase: identify drivers and links to processes, summarize findings (contract)								
Recommendations phase, including development of strategic plan document with mission, vision, goals (contractor)								
Council integrates strategic plan into priority-setting and SOPPs (Council)								
IRA 6 - Enhancing Participatory Processes for Climate Resilient Fisheries								
AI training for Council staff by contracted expert (contract)								
Develop/implement social media presence, web-based tools and apps to support decisions for climate-ready fisheries (staff)								