



New England Fishery Management Council

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Council Calendar: Here's the June 2020 Advisory Panel and Committee Meeting Lineup – Join Our Webinars!

The New England Fishery Management Council has scheduled several advisory panel (AP) and committee meetings during the first three weeks of June to address actions related to Atlantic herring, Atlantic sea scallops, groundfish, whiting/red hake, research priorities, and ecosystem-based fishery management. All meetings will be conducted by webinar. The results will be discussed by the full Council when it convenes June 23-25, 2020, also by webinar. Here's the June lineup.

WHITING/RED HAKE – Thursday, June 4: The Council's Whiting Committee and Whiting AP will meet jointly to discuss proposed alternatives for rebuilding southern red hake, as well as other issues.

- The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m.
- Here is the [meeting notice](#) and related [webpage](#).
- [REGISTER HERE](#) to join the webinar.

ATLANTIC HERRING – Tuesday, June 9: The Herring AP and Herring Committee will meet back-to-back to discuss, among other issues:

- Framework Adjustment 8, which includes specifications for fishing years 2021-2023 plus potential adjustment of herring measures that relate to the mackerel fishery; and
- Framework Adjustment 7, an action to protect spawning Atlantic herring on Georges Bank.
- The Herring Advisory Panel meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m.
- The Herring Committee meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m.

Atlantic Herring Management Track Stock Assessment



A Spring 2020 Management Track Assessment has been conducted for Atlantic herring. The peer review of this assessment will take place on **Monday, June 22** beginning at 10:15 a.m. This is the day before the New England Council begins its [June 23-25 webinar meeting](#).

- The results of the herring assessment will help guide the Council in setting 2021-2023 specifications for the fishery.
- The peer review agenda and webinar registration information is posted on the Northeast Fisheries Science Center's [webpage](#). Assessments for other stocks also are being peer reviewed the same week.

COUNCIL RESEARCH PRIORITIES – Thursday, June 4: The Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee will review and comment on the Council's 2020-2024 Research Priorities. All related information is [HERE](#).



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- Here is the [notice](#) announcing the Herring AP and Committee meetings.
- Here are the webpages, respectively, for the [AP](#) and [Committee](#) meetings.
- **REGISTER HERE** to join the webinar. The link is the same for both the AP and Committee meetings.

GROUND FISH: Four groundfish-related meetings are on the schedule.

- **Tuesday, June 9:** The Groundfish Advisory Panel (GAP) will meet to discuss: (1) fishing year 2019 catches and quota plus possible carryover options due to COVID-19 impacts; (2) Groundfish Monitoring Amendment 23; (3) the initiation of Framework Adjustment 61; (4) 2020 groundfish stock assessments; (5) the Groundfish Catch Share Program Review report; and (6) other issues.
 - The GAP meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m.
 - Here is the [meeting notice](#) and related [webpage](#).
 - **REGISTER HERE** to listen to or participate in the GAP meeting.
- **Wednesday, June 10:** The Groundfish Committee will meet to address the same issues as the GAP.
 - The Groundfish Committee meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m.
 - Here is the [meeting notice](#) and related [webpage](#).
 - **REGISTER HERE** to listen to or participate in the Groundfish Committee meeting.
- **Monday, June 15:** The Recreational Advisory Panel (RAP) and Groundfish Committee will meet back-to-back to address the same issues as the GAP.
 - The RAP meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m.
 - The Groundfish Committee meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m.
 - Here is the [meeting notice](#), the [RAP webpage](#), and the related Groundfish [Committee webpage](#).
 - **REGISTER HERE** to listen to or participate in both meetings.

Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management (EBFM) – Friday, June 12: The EBFM Committee will meet to:

- Receive draft public outreach communication products for the Georges Bank example Fishery Ecosystem Plan (eFEP) from Green Fin Studio and provide feedback;
- Receive the EBFM Plan Development Team’s progress report on the development of



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tangible worked examples to demonstrate the Council's eFEP; and

➤ Discuss other issues.

- The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m.
 - Here is the [meeting notice](#) and related [webpage](#).
 - [REGISTER HERE](#) to join the webinar.

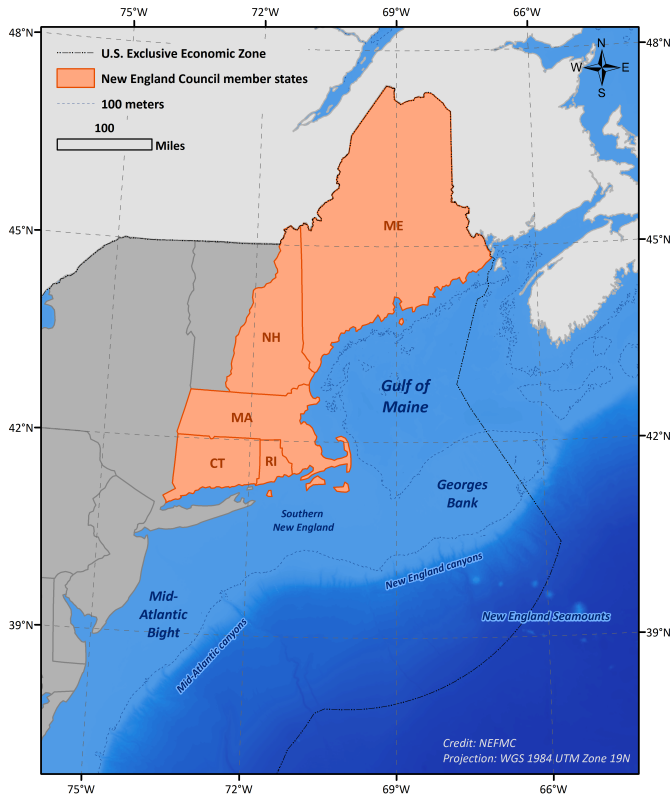


Scallops – Thursday, June 18 and Friday, June 19: The Scallop Advisory Panel and Scallop Committee will meet separately on two consecutive days to:

- Review the draft environmental assessment for Amendment 21 and consider developing preliminary preferred alternatives;
- Discuss the timing and outlook for 2020 scallop surveys and the 2021/2022 specifications process given the impacts of the COVID-19 situation; and

➤ Discuss options for completing 2020 Council priorities for Atlantic sea scallops.

- The June 18 Scallop AP meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m.
 - Here is the [meeting notice](#) and related [webpage](#).
 - [REGISTER HERE](#) to join the AP webinar.
- The June 19 Scallop Committee meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m.
 - Here is the [meeting notice](#) and related [webpage](#).
 - [REGISTER HERE](#) to join the Committee meeting.



The full New England Council will convene [June 23-25, 2020](#) by webinar. Member states are shown in orange on the map above. [Here is the meeting agenda](#). – NEFMC graphic

