

New England Fishery Management Council Meeting Agenda

Tuesday – Thursday, June 23-25, 2026
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Tuesday, June 23, 2026

9:00 a.m. Introductions and Announcements (Council Chair Daniel Salerno)

9:05 NOAA Fisheries Opening Remarks (Assistant Administrator Eugenio Piñeiro-Soler)

9:30 Reports on Recent Activities

Council Chair, Council Executive Director, Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (GARFO) Regional Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) General Counsel, Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC), Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC), Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC), U.S. Coast Guard, NOAA Enforcement, ICCAT/HMS/Dolphin-Wahoo

11:00 Executive Order 14276 (Council Staff)

Update on evaluation of vessel baseline restrictions across New England and Mid-Atlantic limited access fisheries; NOAA request to consider rescinding the Herring Industry-Funded Monitoring (IFM) Program

11:45 Enforcement Committee Report (Council Staff)

Updates including the function of the restructured committee and recent meeting

12:15 p.m. Lunch Break

1:30 NEFSC Fishery Monitoring and Research Division (Katherine “KB” McArdle, NEFSC)

Report on Northeast Fishery Monitoring and Research Division activities

2:30 Atlantic Herring Committee Report (Peter Whelan)

Initiate action to set Atlantic herring specifications for FY2027-2031, river herring and shad management measures, and other measures if necessary; receive progress report

4:15 Monkfish and Skate Coordinated Committee Report (Matt Gates, Scott Olszewski)

Overview of input from listening sessions to identify fishery improvements

5:00 Council Adjourns

6:00 Council Public Outreach Celebrating 50th Anniversary of Magnuson-Stevens Act (Mystic Hilton)

Public informational exchange to foster open lines of communication among all meeting attendees

Wednesday, June 24, 2026

- 9:00 a.m. Scallop Committee Report** (Melanie Griffin)
Framework 42: Initiate action to set scallop specifications for FY2027 and FY2028 (default), develop sub-management units in NGOM, and regional allocations of Limited Access DAS with analysis of carryover provisions; RSA: Select RSA priorities for 2027/2028; Updates: Scallop Strategic Plan, Projection Methods
- 10:30 Habitat Committee Report** (Melissa Smith)
Recommendations for Designated Habitat Research Areas (DHRAs); Update on 2026 EFH Framework; Review objectives for the Great South Channel clam dredge exemption program evaluation
- 11:30 Holistic Strategic Plan Initiative** (Council Staff)
Update on development of the implementation plan for the Council's Holistic Strategic Plan
- 12:00 Open Period for Public Comment**
Public comments on Council issues that are not listed on the agenda
- 12:15 p.m. Lunch Break**
- 1:30 Groundfish Committee Report** (John Pappalardo)
Framework 74: Initiate action to set specifications for groundfish stocks for FY2027-2031, US/Canada Total Allowable Catch for FY2027/2028, and other measures; Amendment 23 Monitoring Program Review draft report; Updates: Framework 68 to revise Acceptable Biological Catch control rules
- 3:15 Risk Policy Working Group Part 1** (Megan Ware)
Final action on Risk Policy Concept and instructions for Council factor weighting
- 4:30 Council Adjourns**
- 4:35 Council Risk Policy Weighting (Closed Session)**
Voting Council members complete global factor weighting

Thursday, June 25, 2026

- 9:00 a.m. Risk Policy Working Group Part 2** (Megan Ware)
Council approval of global factor weights for application to Risk Policy; Demonstration of Risk Policy Toolkit
- 10:00 Small-Mesh Multispecies (Whiting) Committee Report** (Jackie Odell)
Update/initiate action to set specifications for small-mesh stocks for FY2027-2031 and other measures
- 11:00 IRA: Ecosystem Component Species Analysis** (Angelia Miller, Maris Collaborative)
Review framework for considering Ecosystem Component species, including evaluation factors
- 12:00 Council Planning** (Executive Director Cate O'Keefe)
Status and planning updates for Council activities, including FMPs, priorities, IRA, and other initiatives
- 12:15 Other Business**
- 12:30 p.m. Council Adjourns**

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