New England Fishery Management Council
2026 Scientific and Statistical Committee Roster

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SSC Member	Affiliation	Research Interests and Expertise	Year First on SSC
Dr. Conor McManus (Chair)	NOAA Fisheries Northeast Fisheries Science Center: Supervisory Research Fish Biologist	Oceanography, climate science, fish ecology, sampling design, population dynamics, fish early-life history, ecosystem modeling, stock assessment methods, estuarine ecology, advanced technologies, fisheries management.	2021
Dr. Ed Camp (Vice-Chair)	University of Florida, Program of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences: Associate Professor	Socioecological modeling; impacts of fish recruitment and productivity non-stationarity on assessments and projections; fishery catchability, species targeting, and effort; co- and place-based management, including how decision-making processes and power dynamics influence stakeholder perceptions and participation.	2024
Dr. Anna Birkenbach	University of Delaware, School of Marine Science and Policy: Assistant Professor	Marine resource economics, fisheries management that maximizes value generated by the resource, environmental economics and policy, applied econometrics, environmental health, policy analysis, and climate change.	2019
Dr. Lauran Brewster	University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, School for Marine Science and Technology: Assistant Professor	Inform stock assessments and fisheries management, spanning topics from thermal habitat preference and climate-driven range expansion to tools for implementing ecosystem-based fisheries management.	2026
Dr. Adam Delargy	University of Massachusetts Dartmouth, School for Marine Science and Technology: Research Assistant Professor	Survey methods, stock assessment, modeling ecology, and population dynamics, focusing on scallops, but also crab, lobster, whelk, coral reef fisheries, groundfish, marine ecosystems, aquaculture, and impacts of fishing gears. These topics include fishery research, ecology, biology, and population dynamics.	2024
Dr. Alex Hansell	NOAA Fisheries Northeast Fisheries Science Center: Fish Biologist	Stock assessment, quantitative techniques that reduce uncertainty and improve understanding of population dynamics.	2026
Dr. Lisa Kerr	University of Maine, School of Marine Sciences: Associate Professor	Inform progress toward sustainable management of marine fisheries and ecosystems as a whole by: 1) understanding the influence of climate, harvest, and management on fishery resources, 2) advancing the study of fish stock structure and its implications to resilience, and 3) research and advisory work to improve stock assessment and fisheries management.	2016
Dr. Gareth Lawson	Conservation Law Foundation: Senior Scientist	Marine ecology, biological oceanography, fisheries science, field studies and the development and application of advanced sampling technologies, especially active acoustics and electronic tags, cooperative research and its application to assessment and management.	2024

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Dr. Kai Lorenzen	University of Florida, Program of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences: Professor	Fish population dynamics, human dimensions of commercial and recreational fisheries, and integrative- interdisciplinary approaches to management problem solving, size and density-dependent processes in fish populations, quantitative assessment methods for hatchery-enhanced fisheries; impacts of non-native species, habitat modifications, and harvest regulation on fisheries.	2024
Dr. Jason McNamee	Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management Bureau of Natural Resources: Deputy Director	Ecosystem modeling, ecological statistics, fisheries management, fisheries stock assessment methods, trophic interactions in marine populations, data limited approaches to population modeling, management strategy evaluation in marine fisheries, and use of collaborative research in population assessments.	2013
Dr. Richard Merrick	NOAA Fisheries: Chief Science Advisor and Director of Scientific Programs (retired)	Ecosystem-based fisheries management and climate science policy; protected species in general; marine mammal-fishery interactions; trophic interactions in marine populations.	2019
Dr. Mateja Nenadovic	University of Rhode Island, Dept. of Marine Affairs: Assistant Professor	Interdisciplinary focus on governance arrangements that foster sustainable, resilient, and equitable social-ecological outcomes.	2025
Dr. Fred Serchuk	NOAA Fisheries Northeast Fisheries Science Center: Senior Science Advisor (retired)	Fishery stock assessment, scientific writing, and communications.	2019
Dr. Kevin St. Martin	Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Dept. of Geography: Professor	Diverse economies, marine governance and livelihoods, climate and community, ontological politics, critical cartography, GIS, and data studies.	2021
Dr. Michelle Staudinger	University of Maine, School of Marine Sciences: Associate Professor	Foraging ecology, trophic interactions, biodiversity assessments, climate risk and vulnerability of coastal and marine species with relevance to fisheries management.	2024
Dr. Sam Truesdell	NOAA Fisheries Northeast Fisheries Science Center: Fish Biologist	Stock assessment, fish population dynamics, management strategy evaluation, and fisheries data collection.	2022
Dr. Hirotsugu Uchida	University of Rhode Island, Dept. of Environmental and Natural Resource Economics: Professor	Development of efficient marine resource management policy, with particular focus on fishery co-management in both developed and developing countries.	2018
Dr. John Wiedenmann	Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey, Dept. of Ecology, Evolution, and Natural Resources: Associate Professor	Fisheries biology and management, ecological modeling, marine population and ecosystem dynamics, and foraging behavior of marine mammals.	2017