

# New England Fishery Management Council

## Three Meeting Outlook – April through September 2024

(Last updated April 2, 2024 and subject to change pending new information)

April 16-18, 2024 Mystic, CT	June 25-27, 2024 Freeport, ME	September 24-26, 2024 Gloucester, MA
<b>Atlantic Herring</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amendment 10: progress report on action to minimize user conflicts and address river herring/shad catch</li> <li>Amendment 10: April 17 scoping meeting at 6:00 p.m.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amendment 10: summary of public comments received during scoping</li> <li>2025-2027 Specifications: initial discussion</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2025-2027 Specifications: final action</li> <li>Amendment 10: progress report on development of draft alternatives</li> </ul>
<b>Habitat</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Northern Edge: discuss analysis of concept areas; Council action or direction on preparation of management alternatives</li> <li>Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Review: consider SSC subpanel input; updates on EFH review components</li> <li>EFH Climate Resilience Workshop: report on outcomes</li> <li>Offshore Wind Developers Roundup: short updates on project status, surveys, and fisheries mitigation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Review: describe new EFH designation methods</li> <li>Northern Edge: update on action to potentially authorize scallop fishery access to habitat closure area</li> <li>Offshore Wind and Habitat-Related Work: update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Review: update</li> <li>Northern Edge: update on action to potentially authorize scallop fishery access to habitat closure area</li> </ul>
<b>Groundfish</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SSC Subpanel Report: Atlantic cod stock structure management strategy evaluation review</li> <li>Atlantic Cod Management Transition Plan: update on public workshops and proposed phases of work on transition planning; Council discussion on incorporating four biological stock units into groundfish plan</li> <li>Other 2024 Groundfish Priorities: update on work to review flatfish sub-ACLs and accountability measures</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Framework 69: initiate action to set specifications for several groundfish stocks for fishing years (FY) 2025-2027, U.S./Canada total allowable catches (TACs) for FY 2025-2026, and other management measures</li> <li>TRAC: update on new U.S./Canada process</li> <li>Atlantic Cod Management Transition Plan: draft report from public workshops</li> <li>Metrics for Amendment 23 Monitoring System Review: progress report</li> <li>Other 2024 Groundfish Priorities: update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TRAC: report on U.S./Canada shared resources on Georges Bank</li> <li>SSC: recommendations on OFLs and ABCs for several groundfish stocks</li> <li>TMGC: receive and approve Transboundary Management Guidance Committee’s U.S./Canada TACs</li> <li>Framework 69: update</li> <li>Atlantic Cod Management Transition Plan: progress report</li> </ul>
<b>Sea Scallops</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Northern Edge: see habitat</li> <li>2024 Scallop Priorities: update on priorities and workplan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scallop RSA Program: approve RSA Policy changes in Operations Handbook; approve 2025 scallop RSA priorities</li> <li>LAGC IFQ Program Review: progress report on five-year review</li> <li>Specifications: initiate action for 2025 fishery specifications, 2026 defaults, other measures</li> <li>Northern Edge: see habitat</li> <li>2024 Scallop Priorities: update on workplan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Framework 39: preliminary overview of 2024 surveys; progress report on action for 2025 fishery specifications, 2026 default specs, and other measures</li> <li>Northern Edge: see habitat</li> </ul>
	<b>Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EAFM: Update on work to consider ecosystem approaches to fishery management (EAFM) for incremental action across all FMPs</li> </ul>	
		<b>Skates</b> Monitoring Report: overview of PDT’s annual review of skate fishery
<b>Monkfish</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Framework 15: final action on joint New England/Mid-Atlantic Council action to reduce monkfish and spiny dogfish large-mesh gillnet fishery interactions with Atlantic sturgeon</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monitoring Report: overview of PDT’s annual review of monkfish fishery</li> </ul>
		<b>Whiting</b> Monitoring Report: overview of PDT’s annual review of whiting fishery
<b>Other</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State Space Models Research Track Peer Review: NEFSC</li> <li>Risk Policy Working Group: review proposed Risk Policy revisions (TOR 2)</li> <li>Enforcement Committee: report on (1) use of vessel monitoring systems (VMS) in enforcement and scallop VMS reporting rates; (2) enforceability of closed area polygon boundaries; and (3) evolving on-demand fishing gear programs</li> <li>Northeast Trawl Advisory Panel (NTAP): report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>East Coast Climate Coordination: update on outcomes from May meeting</li> <li>Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Funding: progress report on work under IRA funding</li> <li>NOAA’s Climate, Ecosystems, Fisheries Initiative</li> <li>2024 State of the Ecosystem Report for New England: NEFSC</li> <li>Risk Policy Working Group: review and provide feedback on draft Risk Policy</li> <li>On-Demand Fishing Gear Conflict Working Group: progress report</li> <li>Amendments vs Frameworks vs Specs: NOAA GC</li> <li>Fishery Independent Surveys: NEFSC</li> <li>Council Research Priorities: update current priorities and determine future schedule</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Election of Officers; Council Photo</li> <li>2025 Council Priorities: initial discussion</li> <li>East Coast Climate Coordination and IRA-Funded Projects: update</li> <li>Risk Policy Working Group: approve revised Risk Policy</li> <li>June Management Track Stock Assessments Peer Review: NEFSC</li> </ul>