

New England Fishery Management Council

Three Meeting Outlook – April through September 2023

(Last updated April 3, 2023 and subject to change pending new information)

April 18-20, 2023 Mystic, CT	June 27-29, 2023 Freeport, ME	September 26-28, 2023 Plymouth, MA
Atlantic Herring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> River Herring/Shad: update on coordinated work with ASMFC and MAFMC; PDT analysis of recent low river herring/shad estimates in Atlantic herring fishery Inshore Midwater Trawl Closure: update on action to revisit Amendment 8 closure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> River Herring/Shad: update on coordinated work with ASMFC and MAFMC Inshore Midwater Trawl Closure: update on action to revisit Amendment 8 closure 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> River Herring/Shad: update on coordinated work with ASMFC and MAFMC Inshore Midwater Trawl Closure: update on action to revisit Amendment 8 closure
Habitat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aquaculture: final action on framework to facilitate offshore Atlantic salmon aquaculture Northern Edge: discuss and potentially approve preliminary goals and objectives for action to revise habitat management area (HMA) and authorize scallop access Offshore Energy and Habitat-Related Work: update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offshore Energy and Habitat-Related Work: update Northern Edge: progress report on timeline for action to revise habitat management area to potentially authorize scallop access Essential Fish Habitat Review: work plan update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Offshore Energy and Habitat-Related Work: update Northern Edge: progress report on action to revise habitat management area to potentially authorize scallop access
Groundfish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Metrics for Amendment 23 Monitoring System Review: progress report on developing metrics for review process to evaluate groundfish monitoring system; SSC feedback on metrics ABC Control Rules: progress report on facilitated process to develop new control rules for groundfish Atlantic Cod Management Transition Plan: update Address Canadian Halibut Catch Swings in U.S. Management: update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framework 66: initiate action for 2024-2026 groundfish specifications, 2024-2025 U.S./Canada resources of Eastern Georges Bank cod, Eastern GB haddock, and GB yellowtail; revised white hake rebuilding plan; and other measures ABC Control Rules: initiate framework Atlantic Cod Management Transition Plan: update Address Canadian Halibut Catch Swings in U.S. Management: update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TRAC: report on U.S./Canada shared resources SSC: recommendations on OFLs and ABCs for Georges Bank (GB) yellowtail for fishing years 2024 and 2025 TMGC: receive and approve TMGC’s TAC recommendations for U.S./CA resources Framework 66: progress report ABC Control Rules: progress report on framework to revise ABC control rules Atlantic Cod Management Transition Plan
Sea Scallops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2023 Work Priorities: update on projects and actions for the year ahead, including changes to the Scallop RSA Program and work on Northern Edge access (see habitat for Northern Edge) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scallop Research Set-Aside (RSA) Program: approve 2024-2025 RSA priorities; modify Council’s Scallop RSA Policy Specifications: initiate action for 2024 fishery specifications, 2025 defaults, other measures Northern Edge: see habitat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Specifications: preliminary overview of 2023 surveys; progress report on action for 2024 fishery specifications, 2025 default specs, and other measures Northern Edge: see habitat
Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prototype Management Strategy Evaluation (pMSE): update on model framework and management procedure evaluation; SSC review of and recommendations regarding pMSE strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prototype Management Strategy Evaluation (pMSE): final report; SSC review of pMSE results EBFM Deep-Dive Public Information Workshops: progress report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EBFM Development: Council discussion on path forward EBFM Deep-Dive Public Information Workshops: draft final report
Skates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on work under 2023 skate priorities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2024-2025 Specifications: update on action to develop 2024 and 2025 specs plus measures to expand possession of smooth/barn-door skates Thorny Skate: presentation on white paper with potential approaches to support thorny skate rebuilding 	
Monkfish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on work to review and improve the Monkfish RSA Program 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on work to review and improve the Monkfish RSA Program
		Deep-Sea Red Crab <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Final action on deep-sea red crab specifications for fishing years 2024-2027
Other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> State of the Ecosystem 2023: NEFSC report Socioeconomic Survey of Hired Captains and Crew in New England and the Mid-Atlantic: NEFSC Risk Policy Working Group: update Uncertainty in Stock Projections: informational overview and Council discussion Ropeless Fishing Gear Conflict Working Group: update Protected Resources: update on coordinated New England/Mid-Atlantic Council action to reduce monkfish and dogfish gillnet interactions with sturgeon Congressional Update: Dave Whaley NOAA’s National Seafood Strategy: Council comments Closed Session: executive director search Marine Resource Education Program: presentation NOAA Fisheries National Saltwater Policy: final input 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> North Atlantic Right Whales: update on status of BiOp and development of ALWTRP Phase 2 measures Protected Resources: update on coordinated New England/Mid-Atlantic Council action to reduce gillnet interactions with sturgeon and large whales CCC Subcommittee on Area-Based Management: final report East Coast Climate Change Scenario Planning: summit findings, NRCC feedback National Standard 4, 8, and 9 Guidelines: Council comments on NOAA’s ANPR to revise guidelines Draft GARFO/NEFSC Strategic Plan: presentation Highly Migratory Species Advisory Panel: report 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Election of Officers 2024 Council Priorities: initial discussion June 2023 Management Track Stock Assessments Peer Review: Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) report Atlantic Cod Research Track Peer Review: NEFSC report