

# New England Fishery Management Council

## Three Meeting Outlook – January through June 2023

(Last updated December 22, 2022 and subject to change pending new information)

January 24-26, 2023 Portsmouth, NH	April 18-20, 2023 Mystic, CT	June 27-29, 2023 Freeport, ME
	<b>Atlantic Herring</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inshore Midwater Trawl Closure: update on action to revisit Amendment 8 closure</li> <li>River Herring/Shad: update on coordinated work with other agencies to investigate low river herring/shad estimates in Atlantic herring fishery</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inshore Midwater Trawl Closure: update on action to revisit Amendment 8 closure</li> <li>River Herring/Shad: update on coordinated work with other agencies to investigate low river herring/shad estimates in Atlantic herring fishery</li> </ul>
<b>Habitat</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aquaculture: discuss draft management alternatives for framework to facilitate offshore Atlantic salmon aquaculture</li> <li>Offshore Energy and Habitat-Related Work: update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aquaculture: final action on framework to facilitate offshore Atlantic salmon aquaculture</li> <li>Northern Edge: discuss timeline and objectives for action to revise habitat management area (HMA) and authorize scallop access</li> <li>Offshore Energy and Habitat-Related Work: update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offshore Energy and Habitat-Related Work: update</li> <li>Northern Edge: progress report on action to revise habitat management area to potentially authorize scallop access</li> <li>Essential Fish Habitat Review: update on work plan</li> </ul>
<b>Groundfish</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recreational Measures: provide recommendations to GARFO on fishing year 2023 recreational measures for Georges Bank cod, Gulf of Maine cod, and Gulf of Maine haddock</li> <li>Metrics for Amendment 23 Monitoring System Review: progress report on developing metrics for review process to evaluate groundfish monitoring system</li> <li>Atlantic Cod: update on 2023 research track assessment and stock structure discussions</li> <li>Framework 65: revisit ABC for Atlantic halibut</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ABC Control Rules: progress report on facilitated process to develop new control rules for groundfish</li> <li>Framework 66: initiate action for 2024-2026 groundfish specifications, 2024-2025 U.S./Canada resources; revise white hake rebuilding plan; address Canadian halibut catch swings in U.S.; and other measures</li> <li>Atlantic Cod Management Transition Plan report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ABC Control Rules: progress report on facilitated process to develop new control rules for groundfish</li> <li>Framework 66: progress report</li> <li>Metrics for Amendment 23 Monitoring System Review: progress report on developing metrics for review process to evaluate groundfish monitoring system</li> <li>Atlantic Cod Management Transition Plan: update</li> </ul>
<b>Sea Scallops</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NGOM Control Date: Council decision on whether to recommend a control date that potentially could limit movement of LAGC permits in NGOM fishery</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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 report for Northern Edge)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scallop Research Set-Aside (RSA) Program: approve 2024-2025 RSA priorities; modify Council's Scallop RSA Policy</li> <li>Specifications: initiate action for 2024 fishery specifications, 2025 default specs, and other measures</li> <li>Northern Edge: see habitat report</li> </ul>
<b>Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prototype Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE): progress report and presentation of pMSE framework</li> <li>Committee advice on conducting deep-dive public information workshops</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Prototype Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE): final report; SSC review of pMSE strategy</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Preliminary report on deep-dive public information workshops</li> </ul>
	<b>Skates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on work under 2023 skate priorities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2024-2025 Specifications: update on action to develop FY 2024 and 2025 specs plus measures to expand possession of smooth and barndoor skates</li> </ul>
<b>Monkfish</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Framework 13: final action on 2023-2025 specifications and other measures</li> <li>Monkfish RSA Program: revisit 2023-2024 RSA priorities</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on work to review and improve the Monkfish RSA Program</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Update on work to review and improve the Monkfish RSA Program</li> </ul>
<b>Other</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spiny Dogfish and Bluefish Peer Review: NEFSC</li> <li>Addressing Uncertainty in Council Decision-Making: discussion on quantifying, interpreting, and communicating sources of uncertainty</li> <li>NEFSC Social Sciences Branch Cost Survey</li> <li>North Atlantic Right Whales: update on status of ALWTRP proposed Phase 2 measures and TRT recommendations; next steps and Council input</li> <li>Ropeless Fishing: reducing conflicts with mobile gear</li> <li>Sink Gillnet Measures for Protected Resources: coordination with Mid-Atlantic Council</li> <li>Proposed Hudson Canyon National Marine Sanctuary: approve Council's response to ONMS</li> <li>ICCAT: report on November 14-21, 2022 meeting</li> <li>Northeast Trawl Advisory Panel (NTAP): report</li> <li>Review and Approval of Council Harassment Prevention Policies</li> <li>Closed Session: Council discussion on SSC appointments</li> <li>Council Risk Policy Overview</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State of the Ecosystem 2023: NEFSC report</li> <li>East Coast Climate Change Scenario Planning: overview of summit findings</li> <li>Socioeconomic Survey of Hired Captains and Crew in New England and the Mid-Atlantic: Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC)</li> <li>Risk Policy Working Group: update</li> <li>North Atlantic Right Whales: update on status of BiOp and development of ALWTRP Phase 2 measures</li> <li>Protected Resources: update on coordinated New England/Mid-Atlantic Council action to reduce gillnet interactions with sturgeon and large whales</li> <li>Congressional Update: Dave Whaley</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Protected Resources: update on coordinated New England/Mid-Atlantic Council action to reduce gillnet interactions with sturgeon and large whales</li> <li>CCC Subcommittee on Area-Based Management: final report</li> </ul>