

# New England Fishery Management Council

## Three Meeting Outlook – January through June 2024

(Last updated January 16, 2024 and subject to change pending new information)

January 30-February 1, 2024 Portsmouth, NH	April 16-18, 2024 Mystic, CT	June 25-27, 2024 Freeport, ME
<b>Atlantic Herring</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amendment 10: update on action to minimize user conflicts; review draft scoping document and scoping meeting schedule</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amendment 10: progress report on scoping meetings on action to minimize user conflicts</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>
<b>Habitat</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aquaculture: update on revised siting for Blue Water Fisheries offshore aquaculture project (GARFO/NCCOS)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Northern Edge: discuss analysis of concept areas; identify considerations for mgt alternatives</li> <li>Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Review: describe new EFH designation methods, consider SSC subpanel input; potentially initiate framework to revise selected EFH designations; provide updates on nine other EFH review components</li> <li>Offshore Wind and Habitat-Related Work</li> <li>EFH Climate Resilience Workshop: outcomes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <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>
<b>Groundfish</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP): overview; Fishing Effort Survey update (NOAA report)</li> <li>Recreational Measures: provide recommendations to GARFO on fishing year 2024 recreational measures for Georges Bank cod, Gulf of Maine cod, and Gulf of Maine haddock</li> <li>2024 Groundfish Priorities: update on workplan for year ahead</li> <li>Atlantic Cod Management Transition Plan: update</li> <li>Metrics for Amendment 23 Monitoring System Review: progress report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Framework 69: potentially 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>Framework 68: update on action to modify or revise ABC control rules</li> <li>Atlantic Cod Management Transition Plan: progress report</li> <li>2024 Groundfish Priorities: progress report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Framework 68: update on action to modify or revise ABC control rules</li> <li>Atlantic Cod Management Transition Plan: progress report</li> <li>Metrics for Amendment 23 Monitoring System Review: progress report</li> <li>2024 Groundfish Priorities: progress report</li> </ul>
	<b>Sea Scallops</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>LAGC IFQ Program Review: progress report on five-year review</li> <li>2024 Scallop Priorities: update on workplan for year ahead</li> <li>Northern Edge: see habitat</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>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>
	<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>
<b>Monkfish</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Framework 15: progress report on joint New England/Mid-Atlantic Council action to reduce monkfish/dogfish large-mesh gillnet fishery interactions with Atlantic sturgeon</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Framework 15: final action on joint New England/Mid-Atlantic Council action to reduce monkfish/dogfish large-mesh gillnet fishery interactions with Atlantic sturgeon</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monkfish RSA Program: progress report on action to improve the Monkfish RSA Program based on recommendations from the Monkfish RSA Working Group</li> </ul>
		<b>Whiting</b>
<b>Spiny Dogfish</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2024-2026 Specifications: final action</li> </ul>		
<b>Other</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Closed Session: Council discussion on SSC appointments</li> <li>On-Demand Fishing Gear Conflict Working Group: progress report</li> <li>Congressional Update: Dave Whaley</li> <li>Risk Policy Working Group: update on status of Terms of Reference (TORs) 1 and 2 and Risk Policy revisions</li> <li>SBRM: report on three-year review</li> <li>NEFSC Fishery Monitoring and Research Division</li> <li>NEFSC Industry-Based Surveys: discuss white paper</li> <li>Black Sea Bass Research Track Peer Review</li> <li>International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT): brief report on 2023 meeting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2024 State of the Ecosystem Report for New England: NEFSC</li> <li>Space State Models Research Track Peer Review: NEFSC</li> <li>Risk Policy Working Group: review proposed Risk Policy revisions (TOR 2)</li> <li>Enforcement Committee: report</li> <li>Northeast Trawl Advisory Panel (NTAP): report</li> <li>Risk Policy Working Group: update TOR 3 (communication of Risk Policy)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On-Demand Fishing Gear Conflict Working Group: progress report</li> <li>Risk Policy Working Group: review draft revised Risk Policy</li> <li>Fishery Independent Surveys: NEFSC</li> <li>East Coast Climate Coordination: update</li> <li>Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) Funding: progress report on work being conducted under IRA funding</li> <li>East Coast Climate Coordination: update on outcomes from May meeting</li> <li>Council Research Priorities: update current priorities and determine schedule for future revisions</li> </ul>