

# New England Fishery Management Council

## Three Meeting Outlook – June through December 2023

(Last updated June 14, 2023 and subject to change pending new information)

June 27-29, 2023 Freeport, ME	September 26-28, 2023 Plymouth, MA	December 5-7, 2023 Newport, RI
<b>Atlantic Herring</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inshore Midwater Trawl Closure: update; approve problem statement</li> <li>River Herring/Shad: consider change in priorities to identify time/area closure options to reduce bycatch in midwater trawl and small-mesh bottom trawl fisheries</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inshore Midwater Trawl Closure: update on action to revisit Amendment 8 closure</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Inshore Midwater Trawl Closure: update on action to revisit Amendment 8 closure</li> </ul>
<b>Habitat</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Northern Edge: progress report and timeline for action to potentially authorize scallop fishery access to habitat management area</li> <li>Essential Fish Habitat Review: work plan update</li> <li>Offshore Energy and Habitat-Related Work: update, including Gulf of Maine offshore wind call area</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Northern Edge: initial discussion on draft alternatives for action to potentially authorize scallop fishery access to habitat management area</li> <li>Essential Fish Habitat Review: update</li> <li>Offshore Energy and Habitat-Related Work: update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Northern Edge: review range of alternatives for action to potentially authorize scallop fishery access to habitat management area; suggest revisions</li> <li>Essential Fish Habitat Review: update</li> <li>Offshore Energy and Habitat-Related Work: update</li> </ul>
<b>Groundfish</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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; Atlantic halibut issues; and more</li> <li>ABC Control Rules: initiate framework to revise ABC control rules for groundfish; receive SSC feedback</li> <li>Atlantic Cod Management Transition Plan: update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TRAC: report on U.S./Canada shared resources</li> <li>SSC: recommendations on OFLs and ABCs for Georges Bank yellowtail for FY 2024 and 2025</li> <li>TMGC: receive and approve TMGC's TAC recommendations for U.S./CA resources</li> <li>Framework 66: update</li> <li>ABC Control Rules: progress report</li> <li>Atlantic Cod Management Transition Plan</li> <li>Metrics for Amendment 23 Review: update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Framework 66: final action</li> <li>ABC Control Rules: progress report on framework to revise ABC control rules</li> <li>Atlantic Cod Management Transition Plan: update</li> <li>Metrics for Amendment 23 Monitoring System Review: progress report on developing metrics for review process to evaluate groundfish monitoring system</li> </ul>
<b>Sea Scallops</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scallop RSA Program: approve 2024-2025 RSA priorities; modify Council's Scallop RSA Policy</li> <li>Specifications: initiate action for 2024 fishery specifications, 2025 defaults, other measures</li> <li>Northern Edge: see habitat</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specifications: preliminary overview of 2023 surveys; progress report on action for 2024 fishery specifications, 2025 default specs, and other measures</li> <li>Northern Edge: see habitat</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Specifications: final action for 2024 fishery specifications, 2025 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>Prototype Management Strategy Evaluation (pMSE): final report on model framework and management procedure evaluation; SSC review of pMSE results</li> <li>EBFM Deep-Dive Public Information Workshops: update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EBFM Deep-Dive Public Information Workshops: status update</li> <li>EBFM Development: Council discussion on path forward</li> </ul>	
<b>Skates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2024-2025 Specifications: potentially initiate framework to develop specifications and include measures to expand possession of smooth/barndoor skates</li> <li>Thorny Skate: presentation on final white paper with potential approaches to support thorny skate rebuilding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2024-2025 Specifications: update on action</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2024-2025 Specifications: SSC OFL/ABC recommendations; final action on specifications and measures to expand possession of smooth/barndoor skates</li> </ul>
<b>Monkfish</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monkfish RSA Working Group: progress report</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Monkfish RSA Working Group: provide recommendations to Council to improve RSA</li> </ul>	
	<b>Whiting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SAFE Report: presentation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2024-2026 Specifications: final action</li> </ul>
		<b>Spiny Dogfish</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2024 Specifications: final action</li> </ul>
	<b>Deep-Sea Red Crab</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final action on specs for fishing years 2024-2027</li> </ul>	
<b>Other</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NFWF Funding Opportunity: entanglements reductions</li> <li>New England/Mid-Atlantic Council Joint Sturgeon Action: approve range of alternatives to reduce monkfish/dogfish gillnet interactions with sturgeon</li> <li>CCC Area-Based Management: final report</li> <li>East Coast Climate Change Scenario Planning: summit findings, NRCC feedback</li> <li>National Standard 4, 8, and 9 Guidelines: Council comments on NOAA's ANPR to revise guidelines; NS 1</li> <li>Draft GARFO/NEFSC Strategic Plan: presentation</li> <li>NOAA on Upcoming HMS Actions; HMS AP; ICCAT AC</li> <li>Risk Policy Working Group: update</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Election of Officers</li> <li>2024 Council Priorities: initial discussion</li> <li>June 2023 Management Track Assessments</li> <li>Atlantic Cod Research Track Peer Review: NEFSC</li> <li>Northeast Trawl Advisory Panel: report</li> <li>On-Demand Fishing Gear Conflict Working Group</li> <li>Draft Technical Guidance for NS 1 Reference Points/Status Determinations: comments</li> <li>New England/Mid-Atlantic Council Joint Sturgeon Action: update on measures to reduce monkfish/dogfish large-mesh gillnet fishery interactions with Atlantic sturgeon</li> <li>Right Whales: BiOp, Phase 2 update: GARFO</li> <li>Fishery Monitoring and Research Division</li> <li>Regional EEJ Engagement Strategy: GARFO</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2024 Council Priorities: final action</li> <li>September 2023 Management Track Stock Assessments Peer Review: Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) report</li> <li>New England/Mid-Atlantic Council Joint Sturgeon Action: final action on measures to reduce monkfish/dogfish large-mesh gillnet fishery interactions with Atlantic sturgeon</li> </ul>