

# New England Fishery Management Council

## Three Meeting Outlook – December 2023 through April 2024

(Last updated November 20, 2023 and subject to change pending new information)

December 5-7, 2023 Newport, RI	January 30-February 1, 2024 Portsmouth, NH	April 16-18, 2024 Mystic, CT
	<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</li> </ul>
<b>Habitat</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Northern Edge: progress report</li> <li>Offshore Wind and Habitat-Related Work: comment on draft Wind Energy Areas for Gulf of Maine (GOM) and other GOM leasing/planning issues; discuss other updates</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Northern Edge: progress report on action to potentially authorize scallop fishery access to habitat management area</li> <li>Offshore Wind and Habitat-Related Work</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Northern Edge: discuss range of alternatives; suggest revisions</li> <li>Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Review: report on SSC subpanel review; discuss draft designations for pilot species; potentially initiate action</li> <li>Offshore Wind and Habitat-Related Work</li> <li>EFH Climate Resilience Workshop: report</li> </ul>
<b>Groundfish</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Framework 66: SSC OFLs/ABCs for 3 stocks; final action for 2024-2025 U.S./Canada resources of Eastern Georges Bank (GB) cod, Eastern GB haddock, and GB yellowtail; 2024-2025 specs for GB yellowtail, white hake, GOM haddock; 2024-2026 specs for redfish, northern and southern windowpane; revised white hake rebuilding plan; Atlantic halibut issues; sector uncertainty buffer removal for white hake/GOM haddock; scallop accountability measures (AMs) for GB yellowtail flounder</li> <li>Framework 68: ABC control rules update</li> <li>Atlantic Cod Management Transition Plan</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP): overview; Fishing Effort Survey update</li> <li>Recreational Measures: provide recommendations to GARFO on fishing year 2024 recreational measures for Georges Bank cod, Gulf of Maine (GOM) cod, and Gulf of Maine haddock</li> <li>2024 Groundfish Priorities: update on workplan</li> <li>Atlantic Cod Management Transition Plan</li> <li>Metrics for Amendment 23 Monitoring System Review: 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: update on workplan for year ahead</li> </ul>
<b>Sea Scallops</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Framework 38: SSC OFLs/ABCs; final 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>2024 Scallop Priorities: update</li> <li>Northern Edge: see habitat</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2024 Scallop Priorities: update on LAGC IFQ Program Review and other priorities</li> <li>Northern Edge: see habitat</li> </ul>
	<b>Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EBFM Deep-Dive Public Information Workshops: update on workshop schedule</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EBFM Deep-Dive Public Information Workshops: final report on workshop attendance and outcomes</li> </ul>
<b>Skates</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Framework 12: SSC report on OFLs and ABCs for 2024-2025 fishery specifications; final action on framework, which includes measures to expand possession of smooth/barndoor skates</li> </ul>		
	<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>
<b>Whiting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2024-2026 Specifications: SSC OFL and ABC recommendations; final action</li> </ul>		
	<b>Spiny Dogfish</b> 2024 Specifications: final action	
<b>Other</b> <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>Risk Policy Working Group: update</li> <li>Guidance to Councils on Financial Disclosures and Voting Recusals: NOAA General Counsel briefing</li> <li>East Coast Climate Coordination: report on November 7, 2023 meeting</li> <li>ROSA: briefing on mission and current/future activities</li> <li>NTAP: report on November 16, 2023 Bigelow Contingency Plan Working Group meeting</li> </ul>	<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</li> <li>SBRM: report on three-year review</li> <li>NEFSC Fishery Monitoring and Research Division</li> <li>East Coast Climate Coordination: update on activities and IRA funding</li> <li>Black Sea Bass Research Track Peer Review</li> <li>International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT): 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>Risk Policy Working Group: update</li> <li>Space State Models Research Track Peer Review: NEFSC</li> <li>Scallop RSA Policy Changes in Operations Handbook: Council approval</li> <li>Northeast Trawl Advisory Panel: report</li> <li>Enforcement Committee: report</li> </ul>