



New England Fishery Management Council

April 2026 through September 2026

(Last updated February 16, 2026 and subject to change pending new information)

April 14-16, 2026
Portland, ME

June 23-25, 2026
Mystic, CT

September 15-17, 2026
Plymouth, MA

Updates			
Council Priorities			Initial discussion of 2027 Council Priorities
Executive Order 14276	Review comments and Council workplan		Vessel baseline evaluation draft report
Risk/Value Matrix	Update on national and regional activities	Review Regional Working Group draft report	
NOAA Fisheries	NEFSC Independent Surveys including NTAP and RIBTS; 2026 State of the Ecosystem Report	NEFSC Fishery Monitoring and Research Division	
Groundfish			
Framework 68 ABC Control Rule		Update on status	Final action on ABC Control Rule
Amendment 23 Monitoring System Review		Draft final report	
Redfish Sector Exemption Review	Draft final report		
Framework 74		Initiate Framework	Update on Framework
Sea Scallops			
Scallop Strategic Plan		Update on status	
Framework 42		Initiate Framework	Update on Framework
Atlantic Herring			
FY2027-2031 Atlantic herring specifications, river herring and shad management measures, and other measures	Update on development of action	Review draft alternatives and determine action type	Final action on specifications and other measures
Monkfish & Skates			
IFQ Scoping for monkfish and/or skate wings	Review and approve scoping document; Receive white paper on summary of 2025 joint monkfish and skate work	Discuss scoping and guide next steps	
Small-Mesh Multispecies			
FY2027-2031 Whiting specifications, and other measures		Initiate action for 2027-2029 specifications and other measures	Update on action
Habitat			
Essential Fish Habitat (EFH)		Update on 2026 EFH Framework	Final action on 2026 EFH Framework
Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC)			
		Subpanel and Subcommittee updates	Update on activities
			Atlantic herring OFL/ABC
Climate & Ecosystem			
Climate and Ecosystem Steering Committee		Update on activities	
East Coast Coordination Group			Update on activities
Risk Policy			
Risk Policy Implementation Phase	Update on Working Group activities	Final Risk Policy Concept; Council weighting for implementation	
Enforcement Committee			
Re-engage Committee		Report from spring 2026 meeting	
Inflation Reduction Act			
Holistic Strategic Plan		Draft Holistic Strategic Plan document	Final Holistic Strategic Plan
Other			
		WHOI LOC-NESS ocean alkalinity enhancement project results	