



New England Fishery Management Council

December 2025 through April 2026

(Last updated October 28, 2025 and subject to change pending new information)

December 2-4, 2025
Newport, RI

January 27-29, 2026
Virtual

April 14-16, 2026
Portland, ME

Operational Updates

Council Priorities	• 2026 Council Priorities approved		
Holistic Strategic Plan	Update on status	Council Workshop Jan 5-6	Holistic Strategic Plan final report
Risk Policy	Update on Working Group activities	Risk Policy Simulation Testing project update	Update on Working Group activities
NOAA Fisheries		MRIP Fishing Effort Survey: study results and revised design updates	

Groundfish

Framework 72	• Final action for FY26-30 specifications for several groundfish stocks; U.S./Canada TACs for FY2026; other management measures		
U.S./Canada - TMGC	Total Allowable Catches for FY 2026		
Recreational Measures		• Provide recommendations to GARFO for cod and haddock recreational measures	
Amendment 23 Monitoring Review		Update on status	Update on status
Redfish Sector Exemption		Update on status	Update on status
FW68 ABC Control Rule		Update on status	Update on status

Sea Scallops

Framework 40	• Final action for FY26 specifications and FY27 default specifications		
Scallop Strategic Plan	Council approval of Strategic Plan		
LAGC IFQ Program Review		Council receives final report	
Other			Scallop RSA Priorities

Atlantic Herring

Other		Update on 2026 priorities	
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Small-Mesh Multispecies

Annual Monitoring Report	PDT presentation and recommendations by the Committee and Advisory Panel		
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Spiny Dogfish

Accountability Measures & 2026-2027 Specifications Framework Adjustment	• Final action on Accountability Measures adjustments and FY26-27 specifications		
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Habitat

Essential Fish Habitat (EFH)		Initiate action for EFH designation for several groundfish stocks	
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Climate, Ecosystem

Climate and Ecosystem Steering Committee			Update on IRA projects
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Enforcement Committee

			Report from winter 2026 meeting
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Scientific and Statistical Committee

	OFLs and ABCs for scallops and groundfish stocks	Closed session to recommend SSC appointments	
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