



New England Fishery Management Council

September 2025 through January 2026

(Last updated August 7, 2025 and subject to change pending new information)

	September 23-25, 2025 Gloucester, MA	December 2-4, 2025 Newport, RI	January 27-29, 2026 Virtual
Operational Updates			
Council Priorities	2026 Council Priorities initial discussion	2026 Council Priorities approved	
IRA Initiatives		Updates on Holistic Strategic Plan Initiative and ABC Control Rules/Risk Policy Project	
Risk Policy			Update on development and implementation
Executive Order 14276	● Council finalizes recommendations for submission to NOAA		
Management Flexibility Action	● Final action on Management Flexibility Action		
Groundfish			
Amendment 25	● Final action for Atlantic cod stock units and management measures		
Framework 72	Update on action	● Final action for FY2026-2027 specifications for several groundfish stocks	
Recreational Measures			Provide recommendations to GARFO for cod and haddock recreational measures
Sea Scallops			
Framework 40	Update on action	● Final action for FY 2026 specifications and FY 2027 default specifications	
Scallop Strategic Plan	Update and input on Roadmap	Council approval of Strategic Plan	
LAGC IFQ Program Review	Council receives final report		
Monkfish & Skates			
Monkfish Framework 17 & Skate Specifications	● Final actions on specifications for northern and southern monkfish and the skate complex		
Spiny Dogfish			
Accountability Measures & 2026-2027 Specifications Framework Adjustment		● Final action on specifications and AMs	
On-Demand Gear Conflict Working Group			
	Council receives final TOR 3B report		
Alternative Gear Marking			
Framework	● Final action on Gear Marking Framework		
Habitat			
Essential Fish Habitat (EFH)	● Final action on new EFH designations for herring, cod, monkfish, and skate		
Climate, Ecosystem			
Climate and Ecosystem Steering Committee	Report on Steering Committee work to date, including work of Process Mapping and Communications Subcommittees		
Small-Mesh Multispecies			
		Annual Monitoring Report; recommendations by the Committee and Advisory Panel	
Other			
	NEFSC Cooperative Research: update		
	Northeast Trawl Advisory Panel (NTAP): update on industry-based survey pilot project		
			MRIP Fishing Effort Survey: study results and revised design updates