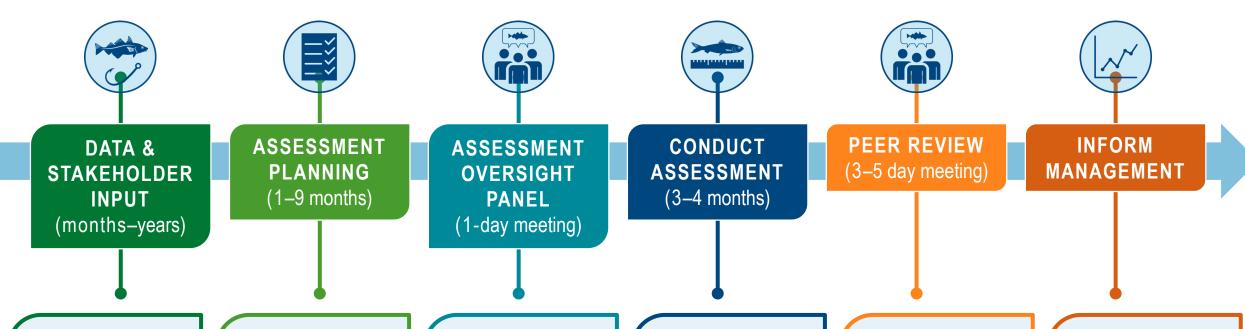
MANAGEMENT TRACK STOCK ASSESSMENTS



The analyst compiles data and input from recreational and commercial fisheries, scientific surveys, and stakeholders.

The analyst develops a stock assessment plan based on compiled data and stakeholder input.

The analyst presents the plan to the Assessment Oversight Panel. This panel of experts reviews the plan and recommends the amount of peer review. The public is invited to participate.

The analyst conducts the stock assessment approved by the Assessment Oversight Panel.

External experts conduct scientific review of the completed assessment. The public is invited to participate.

The assessment results and peer review comments are published and used to inform management decisions.



MANAGEMENT TRACK ASSESSMENT

Levels of Peer Review

Direct Delivery

- · Minor changes to the previously approved assessment are permitted
- Does not require external peer review
- Science Center delivers assessment directly to fishery management body

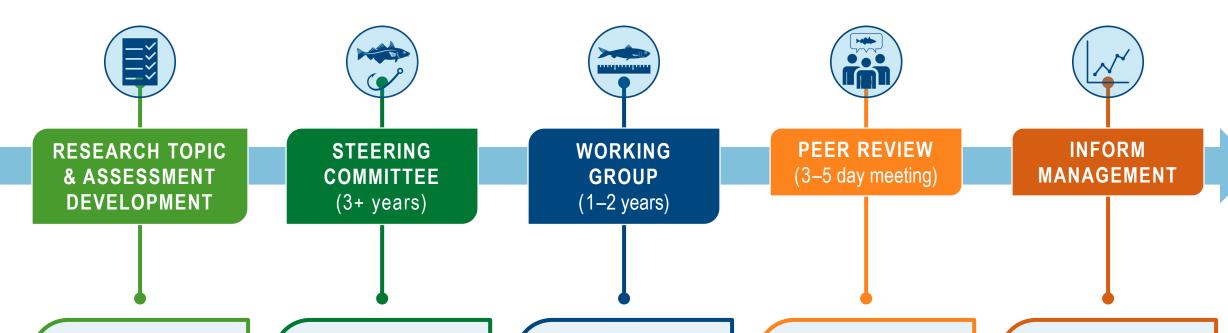
2 Expedited Review

- Moderate changes to the previously approved assessment are permitted
- Expedited formal peer review by external experts
- Following peer review, Science Center delivers assessment to fishery management body

Enhanced Review

- Extensive changes to the previously approved assessment are permitted
- Comprehensive formal peer review by external experts
- Following peer review, Science Center delivers assessment to fishery management body

RESEARCH TRACK STOCK ASSESSMENTS



The Northeast Region Coordinating Council sets a 5-year assessment schedule based on input from fishery managers, scientists and stakeholders. A steering committee is formed to compile fisheries data, provide guidance, and conduct research.

The working group conducts the topic-based research or develops the stock-specific assessment based on research and guidance provided by the steering committee.

External experts review the assessment and make recommendations for future research. The public is invited to participate.

Outcomes help shape and plan future management track assessments. Results may also directly inform management actions.