

New England Fishery Management Council

Three Meeting Outlook – January through June 2025

(Last updated December 18, 2024 and subject to change pending new information)

January 28-30, 2025 Portsmouth, NH	April 15-17, 2025 Mystic, CT	June 24-26, 2025 Freeport, ME
Atlantic Herring <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amendment 10: progress report on action to minimize user conflicts and address river herring/shad catch; overview of ASMFC's 2024 river herring benchmark stock assessment Discuss preliminary 2024 year-end catch information prepared by the PDT; possibly consider revised recommendations for 2025 specifications 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amendment 10: progress report on development of draft alternatives 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Amendment 10: discuss and potentially approve draft alternatives for analysis
Habitat <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Review: Council receives overview of new EFH designation methods and EFH Review Report; provides direction on future action Wind and Fisheries Research Roundup 		
Groundfish <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recreational Measures: provide recommendations to GARFO on fishing year 2025 recreational measures for WGOM cod and GOM haddock 2025 Groundfish Work Priorities: overview of year ahead, including Phase 2 cod transition planning Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP): NOAA Fisheries report on Fishing Effort Survey follow-up study and re-envisioning listening session 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Metrics for Amendment 23 Monitoring System Review: final report on development of review metrics Framework 68: update on action to modify or revise ABC control rules 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Framework 70: initiate action to set specifications for many groundfish stocks for fishing years 2026-2028, U.S./Canada TACs for 2026, and other measures Redfish Sector Exemption Program Review: update Atlantic Cod Management Transition Plan: update on planning for work on Phase 2
Sea Scallops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scallop Strategic Plan: review workplan and schedule for outreach meetings 2025 Scallop Work Priorities: overview of year ahead 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scallop Strategic Plan: preliminary overview of input from workshops; approve outreach plan LAGC IFQ Program Review: progress report on five-year review 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> LAGC IFQ Program Review: Council reviews draft five-year report Specifications: initiate action for 2026 fishing year specifications, 2027 default specifications, and other measures
	Climate, Ecosystem, and IRA Initiatives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Climate and Ecosystem Steering Committee: update on IRA-funded projects and other activities 2025 State of the Ecosystem Report for New England: NEFSC 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> E3CG: report on East Coast Climate Coordination Group's May meeting Council IRA-Funded Projects: update
	Monkfish/Skates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update on 2026-2028 monkfish specs, 2026-2027 skate specifications, and cross-FMP coordination 	
Other <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Closed Session: Council discussion on SSC appointments Council Operations Handbook: SSC updates Yellowtail Flounder Research Track Assessment Peer Review: NEFSC NEFSC Survey Update: 2024 survey season, Bigelow contingency, Pisces shakedown, NTAP work on industry-based trawl survey, and more ICCAT: report on 2024 meeting + ICCAT AC input Risk Policy: update on implementation strategy On-Demand Fishing Gear Conflict Working Group: progress report on work towards addressing terms of reference 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Atlantic Herring Research Track Peer Review: Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) Congressional Update: Dave Whaley Risk Policy: Council run-through of Risk Policy implementation; weightings exercise using factors as outlined in Risk Policy Concept On-Demand Fishing Gear Conflict Working Group: progress report Revised Draft Batched Biological Opinion: GARFO presentation; Council questions/comments NEFSC Fishery Monitoring and Research Division: overview of activities, including updates on sea-day accomplishments and upcoming requirements, at-sea monitoring spend plan, data consolidation and modernization project, and more Sector Observer Coverage Rates: presentation on challenges and potential solutions to achieving high target rates National Standard 4, 8, 9 Guidelines: NOAA Fisheries presentation on proposed rule; Council comments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Risk Policy: update on implementation strategy 2025 Atlantic Scallop Research Track Assessment Peer Review: NEFSC