

New England Fishery Management Council
Three Meeting Outlook - April through Sept 2015

April 21- 23, 2015 Mystic, CT	June 16 -18, 2015 Newport, RI	Sept 29 - Oct 1, 2015 Plymouth, MA
Atlantic Herring	<p>Reports: Operational stock assessment results from NEFSC; SSC recommendations for an ABC; EBFM Comm. comments on forage considerations relative to the Amendment 8 ABC control rule, TEWG work products, and an update on the NMFS/ASMFC RH conservation plan)</p> <p>Amendment 8: Discuss scoping comments and the development of a range of ABC control rule alternatives</p> <p>Specifications for 2016-2018: Discuss action in the context of new information provided in the above reports</p>	First meeting to discuss specifications package elements
Industry-Funded Monitoring Omnibus Amendment Approve additional alternatives for consideration in this action	NEFMC selects preferred alternatives for purposes of public review	NEFMC approves amendment (final action)
Habitat - Omnibus Amendment 2 Approve EFH OHA2 (final action)		
Groundfish - Amendment 18 Approve DEIS and select preferred alternatives		Approve Amendment 18 (final action)
Monkfish - Framework 9 (same as Ground fish FW 54) Action addresses days-at-sea adjustments; April discussion to focus on gillnet management measures and RSA days-at-sea	NEFMC approves Framework 9 (final action)	
EBFM Committee Status report on the Northeast Continental Shelf Ecosystem (Fogarty/Gaichas); Review recommendations for a process to develop an EBFM policy, and review committee comments on NOAA's draft Climate Science Strategy	(See Atlantic herring above) EBFM progress report	
Sea Scallops	<p>Amendment 19 Report on development of an action to address timing issues associated with fishery specifications</p> <p>FW 27 Initiate development of fishery specifications</p> <p>Approve RSA priorities</p>	- Approve Amendment 19 (final action); - Receive white paper and workshop results on inshore fishery issues
National Standard 1, 3, & 7 Guidelines (prop. rule) Receive briefing from NOAA Fisheries and comments/input from SSC	Finalize NEFMC comments on the proposed changes to the NSGs	
Skates	Framework 4 Initiate action to end overfishing of winter and thorny skates	
Whiting /Red hake	Receipt of annual monitoring report	Amendment 22 - Approve scoping document that addresses establishing a small mesh multispecies limited access program
Misc. Reports Review of conflict of interest and recusal rules (M. MacDonald)	Review Council Coordination Committee (CCC) guidance on when allocations should be reviewed and a CCC NEPA white paper	