

New England Fishery Management Council
Three Meeting Outlook - Sept 2015 through Jan 2016

Dec 1-3, 2015 Portland, MA	Jan 26-28, 2016 Portsmouth, NH	Apr 19-21, 2016 Mystic, CT
Atlantic Herring	Amendment 8 Approve a range of ABC control rule alternatives (tent.)	
Industry-Funded Monitoring Omnibus Amendment Take final action to establish monitoring coverage in some east coast FMPs above previously required levels to provide improved management information		
Habitat	Deep Sea Coral Amendment: Receive update on the development of the Deep Sea Coral Amendment	
Groundfish/Northeast Multispecies FMP Framework 55: Take final on groundfish specifications for 20 groundfish stocks for fishing years 2016-2018, plus the three U.S./CA stocks for 2016 only; also to include final action on at-sea monitoring alternatives	Develop recommendations for the Gulf of Maine haddock and Gulf of Maine cod recreational fisheries for 2016	
Sea Scallops Amendment 19: Take final action to expedite the implementation of annual fishery specifications closer to the start of the scallop fishing year; Framework 27: Take final action on the specifications for fishing years 2016-2017	Review final agenda and details for a Council-hosted workshop scheduled for early 2016 to discuss concerns about scallop fishing patterns in nearshore areas	
EBFM Committee Progress report on the development of a working example of an fisheries ecosystem plan; Review and approve comments on NOAA's EBFM strategy		Receive an updated status report on the Northeast Continental Shelf Marine Ecosystem (NEFSC)
Small Mesh Multispecies (Groundfish FMP) Amendment 22 : (limited access program): Review scoping comments and discuss possible alternatives		
Skates Take final action on a framework to set fishery specifications for fishing years 2016-2017 (tent.)		
Monkfish	Update on the development of Amend. 6	
Spiny Dogfish Take final action on 2016-2018 specifications		
Sm Mesh Multispecies Receive annual monitoring report Amendment 22: Approve scoping document to solicit input on the development of a limited access program for this fishery	Amendment 22: Review scoping comments and possibly discuss the scope of this action	Amendment 22: Progress report on the development of amendment alternatives
Management Priorities for 2016 Approve final priorities		
Reports	Preliminary review of the Northeast Regional Planning Body's draft Northeast Regional Ocean Plan	Develop comments on the Northeast Regional Planning Body's draft Ocean Plan
Risk Policy Working Group	Update on development of a policy that would affect all Council-managed species	