

New England Fishery Management Council

- **18 voting members**
 - NMFS RA
 - 5 State Officials
 - 5 Obligatory Members (1 per state)
 - 7 At Large Members
- **10 Fishery Management Plans**
 - Northeast Multispecies (groundfish)
 - Sea Scallop
 - Monkfish
 - Atlantic herring
 - Habitat
 - Skates
 - Small mesh (e.g., whiting)
 - Red crab
 - Dogfish
 - Atlantic Salmon

New England Fishery Management Council area of operations



NEFMC Organization

10 Species Committees

- [Atlantic Herring Committee](#)
- [Atlantic Salmon Committee](#)
- [Deep Sea Red Crab Committee](#)
- [Groundfish Committee](#)
- [Habitat Committee](#)
- [Monkfish Committee](#)
- [Northeast Skate Complex Committee](#)
- [Sea Scallop Committee](#)
- [Small Mesh Multispecies \(Whiting\) Committee](#)
- [Spiny Dogfish Committee](#)

Numerous Plan Development Teams (where the “dirty work” is done!)

11 Advisory Panels

4 Other NEFMC-Related Committees

- [Executive Committee](#)
- [Observer Policy Committee \(Industry-Funded Monitoring\)](#)
- [Research Steering Committee](#)
- [Scientific and Statistical](#)
- [Committee Enforcement Committee/Vessel Monitoring](#)
- [Ecosystem-Based Fisheries Management](#)

2 Joint Committees

- [Northeast Regional Coordinating Council \(NRCC\)](#)
- [Transboundary Management Guidance Committee \(TMGC\)](#)

1 Working Groups

- [Risk Policy Working Group](#)

NEFSC- Current Topics

- **Annual priorities usually include 50 or more product**
 - Specs
 - Frameworks
 - Amendments
 - policies and reports
- **Scallop**
 - ACLs
 - Rotational fishing areas,
 - RSA
 - 5 year LAGC IFQ review
 - Response to Omnibus Habitat Amendment 2
 - AMs for choke stocks

NEFSC- Current Topics

- **Multispecies Groundfish**
 - Specs for 3 US/Canada shared stocks
 - Witch flounder specs
 - Monitoring requirements
 - Limited entry for party/charter boats
 - Five year review of sector program
 - Review of groundfish catches in other fisheries (e.g., sub-ACLs for windowpane flounder in the scallop fishery and haddock in the herring fishery)
 - Revised process for managing recreational fisheries
 - Finalize Amendment 18 on Accumulation Limits and Fleet Diversity
- **Herring FMP**
 - Management Strategy Evaluation
 - Forage species ABC control rule and localized depletion
 - Haddock bycatch cap and AMs
 - Monitoring including EM

NEFSC- Current Topics

- **Habitat Omnibus FMP**
 - After more than a decade of development, final submission in August 2016
 - Implementation expected January 2017
 - Clam dredge exemption area
- **Omnibus Deep-Sea Coral Amendment**
 - MOU for cooperation with MAFMC and SAFMC
 - On hold because of Habitat Omnibus FMP, but effort about to ramp-up
- **Ecosystem Based Fishery Management**
 - Preparing illustrative plan (e.g., worked example)
 - Area/energy model and interpretation of MSY energy based ecosystem property
 - MSE
- **Observer Policy**
 - Industry Funded Monitoring Amendment final action Nov/Dec 2016
 - Development of a strategic approach