

NEFMC TIMELINES
Revised October 15, 2010

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TIMELINE # 1

COUNCIL ACTION: Scallop Amendment 15

STAFF PROJECT MANAGER: Deirdre Boelke

TARGET COMPLETION DATE: August 1, 2010

TARGET IMPLEMENTATION DATE: March 1, 2011

MILESTONES	ORIGINAL TIMELINE	COMPLETED / REVISED
1. Council approves Amendment alternatives for analysis in DSEIS	FEB/APR 2009	✓
2. Scallop PDT prepares Draft Amendment /DSEIS	FEB – JUN 2009	✓
3. Council approves Draft Amendment/DSEIS and selects preferred alternatives	SEP 2009	✓
4. Staff submits DEIS	OCT-NOV 2009	JUL 2010
5. Public hearings	FEB 2010	AUG 2010
6. Council approves final Amendment measures	JUN 2010	SEP 2010
7. Staff submits final Amendment to NMFS	AUG 1, 2010	OCT/NOV 2010
8. Implementation	MAR 2011	JUN 2011

COUNCIL ACTION: Scallop Framework 22 – 2011-2012 scallop specifications & measures to comply with turtle biological opinion

TARGET COMPLETION DATE: DEC 2010

TARGET IMPLEMENTATION DATE: MAY 2011

MILESTONES	DATES	COMPLETED / REVISED
1. Staff begins work on framework	JUN 2010	✓
2. Council initiates framework	JUN 2010	✓
3. Council approves framework	NOV 2010	
4. Staff submits framework to NMFS	DEC 2010	
5. Implementation	MAY 2011	

TIMELINE # 2

COUNCIL ACTION: **Framework 45** – Pollock status determination criteria, ABC for pollock, modifying GB yellowtail flounder rebuilding strategy, measures to protect spawning cod in the inshore Gulf of Maine, additional sectors, changing General Category Scallop Vessel restrictions in the Great South Channel; etc.

TARGET COMPLETION DATE: Dec 2011

TARGET IMPLEMENTATION DATE: May 2011

MILESTONES	PLANNED	COMPLETED / REVISED
1. Staff begins work on specifications/framework	APR 2010	✓
2. Council initiates framework adjustment	JUN 2010	✓
3. Council approves specifications/ framework	NOV 2010	
4. Staff submits specifications package to NMFS	DEC 2010	
5. Implementation	MAY 2011	

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PROJECT TITLE: Herring Amendment 4

OBJECTIVE: Address MSRA requirements including ACL/AM provisions

MILESTONES	PLANNED	COMPLETED
1. Committee, Advisory Panel, and PDT review stock assessment results and begin to draft options for ACLs	AUGUST- SEPT 2009	✓
2. Council addresses any outstanding issues re. Amendment 4 (ACLs/AMs)	SEPT 2009	✓
3. Committee, Advisory Panel, and PDT work on options for ACLs;	OCT-NOV 2009	✓
4. Council finalizes Amendment 4 (with ACLs/AMs)	JAN 2010	✓
5. Staff submits Amendment 4	FEB 2009	✓
6. Implementation	AUG 2010	NOV 2010

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PROJECT TITLE: Herring Amendment 5

OBJECTIVE: Include all other elements originally in Amendment 4 but which could not be included because of time constraints

- Catch monitoring program for the herring fishery
- Measures to address river herring bycatch
- Measures to establish criteria for access to groundfish closed areas by midwater trawl vessels
- Measures to address interactions with the Atlantic mackerel fishery and bycatch concerns
- Measures to protect spawning herring

MILESTONES	PLANNED	COMPLETED / REVISED
1. Herring Committee, PDT, and Advisory Panel continue development of alternatives for Amendment 5	JAN – MAY 2010	✓
2. Council approves Amendment 5 alternatives for analysis in DSEIS	JUN 2010	JAN 2011
3. Council approves Draft Amendment 5/DSEIS and public hearing document and selects preferred alternatives	SEP 2010	JUN 2011
4. Herring Amendment 5 Public Hearings	OCT/NOV 2010	JUL-AUG 2011
5. Council reviews public and advisor comments and O/S recommendations; approves final Amendment 5 measures	JAN 2011	SEP 2011
6. Staff submits Amendment 5	FEB 2011	DEC 2011
7. Amendment 5 Implementation	JUL/AUG 2011	JAN 2012

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TIMELINE # 4

COUNCIL ACTION: Whiting (Small Mesh Multispecies) Amendment 19

OBJECTIVE: ACLs, AMs, Specifications for 2011, 2012 and 2013 (NO LIMITED ACCESS & NO DEIS)

STAFF PROJECT MANAGER: Andrew Applegate

TARGET COMPLETION DATE: OCT 2011

TARGET IMPLEMENTATION DATE: MAY 1, 2012

MILESTONES	PLANNED	COMPLETED / REVISED
1. Council receives results of whiting assessment	JAN 2011	
2. SSC recommends ABC	JAN-FEB 2011	
3. Council approves alternatives for analysis	APR 2011	
4. PDT prepares Draft Amendment	APR/MAY 2011	
5. Council approves Draft Amendment and selects preferred alternatives	JUN 2011	
6. Public hearings	AUG 2010	
7. Council approves final amendment measures	SEP 2011	
8. Staff submits final amendment to NMFS	OCT 2011	
9. Implementation	MAY 2012	

TIMELINE # 5

PROJECT MANAGER: Michelle Bachman

PROJECT TITLE: **Omnibus Habitat Amendment 2, Phases I & II** Designate EFH for all managed species, HAPCs as necessary, and minimize the adverse effects of fishing on EFH to the extent practicable in a consistent manner across all FMPs

MILESTONES	PLANNED	COMPLETED / REVISED
1. Council approves Phase I DEIS	JUN 2007	✓
2. Council approves Great South Channel Juvenile Cod HAPC	SEP 2007	✓
3. Council approves COMPLETED Canyon-area HAPCs	NOV 2007	✓
4. PDT develops vulnerability assessment, spatial model and gear effects model (SASI model)	DEC 2007 – FEB 2009	✓
5. SSC review of analysis tool (SASI model)	MAR 2009	✓
6. Committee and Council receive SSC review results	APR 2009	✓
7. PDT continues development of analysis tool (SASI model)	APR– OCT 2009	✓
8. Committee, AP and interested parties model review	OCT 2009	✓
9. Committee approves analysis tool for review by SSC	OCT2009	✓
10. SSC review of COMPLETED analysis tool (SASI model)	DEC 2009	✓
11. Council receives final SSC review results	JAN 2010	✓
12. Peer Review of Habitat Models		JAN-FEB 2011
13. Committee develops alternatives to minimize, to the extent practicable, adverse effects of fishing on EFH	OCT 2009 – JAN 2010	JAN-MAR 2011
14. PDT analyzes fishing impacts minimization alternatives	APR – JUN	FEB-MAR
15. Advisory Panel reviews fishing impacts minimization alternatives	JULY, 2010	FEB-MAR
16. Committee finalizes fishing impacts minimization alternatives for Council approval	JULY, 2010	FEB-MAR
17. Council approves range of alternatives for analysis	APR 2010	APR 2011
18. PDT finalizes analysis of alternatives		MAY-JUN 2011
19. Approves fishing impacts minimization alternatives, Omnibus 2 DEIS; public hearing document; select preferred alternatives	SEP 2010	JUN 2010
20. Staff submits Omnibus 2 DEIS (combining EFH designation and impacts minimization alternatives)	OCT, 2010	JUL 2011
21. NMFS publishes NOA, starts public hearings (45-day DSEIS comment period)	DEC 2010	JUL 2011
22. Public hearings, Omnibus 2 EIS	DEC 2010 – JAN 2011	JUL-AUG 2011
23. Council approves Omnibus 2 EIS	APR 2011	NOV 2011
24. Staff submits Omnibus 2 FEIS	MAY 2011	DEC 2011
25. Implementation	SEP 2011	JUN 2012

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TIMELINE # 6

COUNCIL ACTION: Monkfish Amendment 5

OBJECTIVE: ACLs, AMs, Specifications for 2011, 2012 and 2013

STAFF PROJECT MANAGER: Phil Haring

TARGET COMPLETION DATE: Aug 2010

TARGET IMPLEMENTATION DATE: May 1, 2011

MILESTONES	PLANNED	COMPLETED / REVISED
1. Staff begins work on amendment	JAN 2009	✓
2. Scoping meetings	MAR 2009	✓
3. AP, Committee develop alternatives for Council consideration	APR-MAY 2009	✓
4. Council approves alternatives for analysis in Draft Amendment	JUN 2009	✓
5. PDT prepares Draft Amendment	JUL- OCT 2009	✓
6. Council approves Draft Amendment/EA and selects preferred alternatives	NOV 2009	✓
7. Public hearings	JAN/FEB 2010	✓
8. AP, Committee review public comment, analysis, recommends final measures	FEB-MAR 2010	✓
9. Council approves final amendment measures	APR 2010	✓
10. Staff/PDT drafts Final EIS, RIR, IRFA, etc.	May 2010	✓
11. Council approves final document and draft regulations	JUN 2010	✓
12. Staff submits final amendment to NMFS, begin formal review	AUG 2010	SEP 2010
13. Implementation	MAY 2011	

COUNCIL ACTION: Monkfish Framework Adjustment 7

OBJECTIVE: Adjust specifications for Northern Monkfish Management Area for 2011, 2012 and 2013

STAFF PROJECT MANAGER: Phil Haring

TARGET COMPLETION DATE: FEB 2011

TARGET IMPLEMENTATION DATE: MAY 1, 2011

MILESTONES	PLANNED	COMPLETED / REVISED
1. Staff begins work on framework	SEP 2010	✓
2. Council initiates framework	SEP 2010	✓
3. Second framework meeting	NOV 2010	
4. Council approves framework	JAN 2011	
5. Staff submits final documents	FEB 2011	
6. Implementation	MAY 2011	

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TIMELINE # 8

COUNCIL ACTION: **Red Crab** Specifications for 2010

STAFF PROJECT MANAGER: Chris Kellogg

TARGET COMPLETION DATE: October 2009

TARGET IMPLEMENTATION DATE: March 1, 2010

The Council will complete specifications for 2010 following emergency action taken by NMFS to implement 2009 specifications.

MILESTONES	PLANNED	COMPLETED / REVISED
1. Work begins on specifications	JUL 2009	✓
2. SSC reports ABC recommendation to Council	SEP 2009	✓
3. Council approves specifications	NOV 2009	✓
4. Staff submits specifications to NMFS	JAN 2010	✓
5. Implementation	MAR 2010	✓

COUNCIL ACTION: **Red Crab Amendment 3** - ACLs, AMs, Specifications for 2011– 2012

STAFF PROJECT MANAGER: Chris Kellogg

TARGET COMPLETION DATE: October 2010

TARGET IMPLEMENTATION DATE: March 1, 2011

An EIS is not anticipated for this amendment since it will implement ACLs and AMs based on an ABC that already will have been established in the 2009 and 2010 specifications.

MILESTONES	PLANNED	COMPLETED / REVISED
1. SSC recommends ABC/ABC control rule	SEP 2009	✓
2. PDT begins work on amendment	OCT 2009	✓
3. Council approves alternatives for analysis	NOV 2009	✓
4. SSC recommends revised interim ABC		✓
5. Preparation of Draft Amendment	DEC–JAN 2010	✓
6. Council approves ABC including discards		✓
7. Public hearings	MAR 2010	AUG 2010
8. Council approves final amendment measures	APR 2010	SEP 2010
9. Staff submits final amendment to NMFS	JUN 2010	NOV 2010
10. Implementation	MAR 2011	