

**NEFMC TIMELINES**  
**Revised September 15, 2010**

- 1. Scallops**
  - a. **Framework 21** (completed)
  - b. **Amendment 15**
  - c. **Framework 22**
- 2. Multispecies (Groundfish)**
  - a. **Amendment 16** (completed)
  - b. **Framework 44** (completed)
  - c. **Framework 45**
- 3. Herring**
  - a. **2010 – 2012 Specifications** (completed)
  - b. **Amendment 4** (completed)
  - c. **Amendment 5**
- 4. Small Mesh Multispecies Amendment 19 (Whiting, Red Hake, Offshore Hake)**
- 5. Habitat Omnibus Amendment**
- 6. Monkfish**
  - a. **Amendment 5**
  - b. **Framework**
- 7. Skates**
  - a. **Amendment 3** (completed)
  - b. **Annual report** (completed)
- 8. Red Crab**
  - a. **2010 Specifications** (completed)
  - b. **Amendment 3**
- 9. Groundfish/Scallops Joint Action**

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

**COUNCIL ACTION: Scallop Framework 21 - 2010 scallop specifications, adjustments to observer program & measures to comply with turtle biological opinion**

TARGET COMPLETION DATE: Nov 2009

TARGET IMPLEMENTATION DATE: March 1, 2010

MILESTONES	DATES	COMPLETED / REVISED
1. Council initiates framework	APR 2009	✓
2. Staff begins work on framework	MAY 2009	✓
<b>3. Council approves framework</b>	<b>NOV 2009</b>	✓
<b>4. Council reconsiders framework</b>		
5. Staff submits framework to NMFS	JAN 2010	✓
6. Implementation	MAR 2010	✓

**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

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

**TIMELINE # 2**

**COUNCIL ACTION: Multispecies Amendment 16**

STAFF PROJECT MANAGER: Tom Nies

TARGET COMPLETION DATE: July 2009

TARGET IMPLEMENTATION DATE: May 1, 2010

MILESTONES	PLANNED	COMPLETED / REVISED
<b>1. Council approves Amendment 16 DEIS</b>	<b>FEB 2009</b>	✓
2. Groundfish PDT prepares Draft Amendment /DSEIS	FEB-MAR 2009	✓
3. Public hearings	MAY 2009	✓
<b>4. Council approves final Amendment 16 measures</b>	<b>JUN 2009</b>	✓
5. Staff submits final Amendment 16 to NMFS	SEP 2009	OCT 2009
6. Implementation	MAY 2010	✓

**COUNCIL ACTION: Framework 44 - 2010-2011 Groundfish Specifications & measures to address common pool management issues for GOM Cod and Pollock**

TARGET COMPLETION DATE: Dec 2009

TARGET IMPLEMENTATION DATE: May 1, 2010

MILESTONES	PLANNED	COMPLETED / REVISED
1. Staff begins work on specifications/framework	AUG 2009	✓
<b>2. Council approves specifications/ framework</b>	<b>NOV 2009</b>	✓
3. Staff submits specifications package to NMFS	JAN 2010	FEB 2010
4. Implementation	MAY 2010	✓

**COUNCIL ACTION: Framework 45 – GB YTF rebuilding strategy; new sector request; GC scallop YTF exemption; etc.**

TARGET COMPLETION DATE: Dec 2010

TARGET IMPLEMENTATION DATE: Jun 2010

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

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**TIMELINE # 3**

PROJECT MANAGER: Lori L. Steele

PROJECT TITLE: **2010-2012 Specifications**

OBJECTIVE: **Specifications for 2010-2012 fishing years using new stock assessment**

MILESTONES	PLANNED	COMPLETED / REVISED
1. TRAC Stock Assessment for Atlantic Herring	JUNE 2009	✓
2. Herring PDT works with SSC to develop recommendations re. ABC and address scientific uncertainty	JULY-SEPT 2009	✓
3. SSC reviews stock assessment results, PDT recommendations, and provides recommendations for ABC, etc. for 2010-2012 fishing years	AUGUST- SEPT 2009	✓
4. Committee, Advisory Panel, and PDT review stock assessment results and begin to draft options for ACLs and 2010-2012 fishery specifications	AUGUST- SEPT 2009	✓
<b>5. Council reviews SSC recommendations (ABC), discusses fishery specifications (ACLs)</b>	<b>SEPT 2009</b>	<b>NOV 2009</b>
6. Committee, Advisory Panel, and PDT work on options for ACLs; Committee (and ASMFC) develops recommendations for final 2010-2012 specifications	OCT-NOV 2009	✓
<b>7. Council selects final 2010-2012 fishery specifications, approves research recommendations for 2011-2012</b>	<b>NOV 2009</b>	✓
8. Staff submits specifications for 2010-2012 fishing years	DEC 2009	FEB 2010
9. Implementation of 2010-2012 specifications	MAY 2010	JUL 2010

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	✓
<b>2. Council addresses any outstanding issues re. Amendment 4 (ACLs/AMs)</b>	<b>SEPT 2009</b>	✓
3. Committee, Advisory Panel, and PDT work on options for ACLs;	OCT-NOV 2009	✓
<b>4. Council finalizes Amendment 4 (with ACLs/AMs)</b>	<b>JAN 2010</b>	✓
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

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

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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

<b>MILESTONES</b>	<b>PLANNED</b>	<b>COMPLETED / REVISED</b>
1. Council receives results of whiting assessment	JAN 2011	
2. SSC recommends ABC	<b>JAN-FEB 2011</b>	
<b>3. Council approves alternatives for analysis</b>	<b>APR 2011</b>	
4. PDT prepares Draft Amendment	APR/MAY 2011	
<b>5. Council approves Draft Amendment and selects preferred alternatives</b>	<b>JUN 2011</b>	
6. Public hearings	AUG 2010	
<b>7. Council approves final amendment measures</b>	<b>SEP 2011</b>	
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
<b>1. Council approves Phase I DEIS</b>	<b>JUN 2007</b>	✓
<b>2. Council approves Great South Channel Juvenile Cod HAPC</b>	<b>SEP 2007</b>	✓
<b>3. Council approves COMPLETED Canyon-area HAPCs</b>	<b>NOV 2007</b>	✓
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	✓
<b>11. Council receives final SSC review results</b>	<b>JAN 2010</b>	✓
12. Committee develops alternatives to minimize, to the extent practicable, adverse effects of fishing on EFH	OCT 2009 – JAN 2010	JUN-SEP 2010
13. PDT analyzes fishing impacts minimization alternatives	APR – JUN	JUN-SEP 2010
14. Advisory Panel reviews fishing impacts minimization alternatives	JULY, 2010	OCT 2010
15. Committee finalizes fishing impacts minimization alternatives for Council approval	JULY, 2010	OCT 2010
<b>16. Council approves range of alternatives for analysis</b>	<b>APR 2010</b>	<b>NOV 2010</b>
17. PDT finalizes analysis of alternatives		SEP-NOV 2010
<b>18. Approves fishing impacts minimization alternatives, Omnibus 2 DEIS; public hearing document; select preferred alternatives</b>	<b>SEP 2010</b>	<b>NOV 2010</b>
19. Staff submits Omnibus 2 EIS (combining EFH designation and impacts minimization alternatives)	OCT, 2010	DEC 2010-JAN 2011
20. NMFS publishes NOA, starts public hearings (45-day DSEIS comment period)	DEC 2010	FEB-MAR 2011
21. Public hearings, Omnibus 2 EIS	DEC 2010 – JAN 2011	MAR 2011
<b>22. Council approves Omnibus 2 EIS</b>	<b>APR 2011</b>	<b>APR or JUN 2011</b>
23. Staff submits Omnibus 2 FEIS	MAY 2011	
24. Implementation	SEP 2011	FEB 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	✓
<b>4. Council approves alternatives for analysis in Draft Amendment</b>	<b>JUN 2009</b>	✓
5. PDT prepares Draft Amendment	JUL- OCT 2009	✓
<b>6. Council approves Draft Amendment/EA and selects preferred alternatives</b>	<b>NOV 2009</b>	✓
7. Public hearings	JAN/FEB 2010	✓
8. AP, Committee review public comment, analysis, recommends final measures	FEB-MAR 2010	✓
<b>9. Council approves final amendment measures</b>	<b>APR 2010</b>	✓
10. Staff/PDT drafts Final EIS, RIR, IRFA, etc.	May 2010	✓
<b>11. Council approves final document and draft regulations</b>	<b>JUN 2010</b>	✓
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

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

**TIMELINE # 7**

PROJECT MANAGER: Andrew Applegate

PROJECT TITLE: **Skate Amendment 3** - address overfishing of thorny & winter skates; ACLs & AMs for 2010 & 2011

TARGET COMPLETION DATE: May 2009

TARGET IMPLEMENTATION DATE: December 2009

MILESTONES	DATES	COMPLETED / REVISED
9. Council begins amendment	JAN 2007	✓
10. Scoping meetings	MAY 2007	✓
<b>11. Council approves Amendment 3 alternatives for analysis in DSEIS;</b>	<b>JUN/SEP 2008</b>	✓
12. Skate PDT prepares Draft Amendment 3 DEIS	JUL-SEP 2008	✓
<b>13. Council approves Draft Amendment /DEIS</b>	<b>SEP 2008</b>	✓
14. Public Hearings	OCT 2008	✓
<b>15. Council approves final Amendment 3 measures</b>	<b>APR 2009</b>	✓
16. Staff submits Amendment 3 documents	MAY 2009	✓
17. Staff / SSC update ABC		✓
18. Staff resubmits Amendment 3 documents		✓
19. SSC revises skate ABC		✓
<b>20. Council approves revised ABC</b>		✓
21. Staff submits final Amendment	MAY 2009	✓
22. Implementation	DEC 2009	✓

PROJECT MANAGER: Andrew Applegate

PROJECT TITLE: **Skate Annual Report**

TARGET COMPLETION DATE: June 2010

TARGET IMPLEMENTATION DATE: NA

MILESTONES	DATES	COMPLETED / REVISED
1. Council prepares report	MAY-JUN 2010	✓
2. Council receives report	JUN 2010	✓

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