

New England Fishery Management Council
 Three Meeting Outlook - September through November 2013
 June 13, 2013

Sept. 24-26, 2013 Hyannis, MA	Nov. 19-21, 2013 Newport, RI	Jan. 28-30, 2014 Portsmouth, NH
Groundfish 1. Transboundary Management Guidance Committee Report, including review of 2014 quotas for the three U.S./Canada-managed stocks; Transboundary Resources Assessment Committee report on the status of GB yellowtail flounder, EGB and EGB haddock 2. Consider FW 51 issues includ. the 2014 U.S./Can. quotas, and revised rebuilding programs for GOM cod, plaice and possibly white hake 3. Amend. 18 update	1. Approve FW 51 (final action)	1. Approve Amend. 18 alternatives for analysis in Draft EIS
Habitat	1. Approve Habitat Omnibus Amend. 2 Draft EIS and public hearing document; select preferred alternatives	
Monkfish 1. Select alternatives for analysis in FW 8 2. Select Amend. 6 alternatives for analysis	1. Approve FW 8 (final action)	
Sea Scallops 1. Performance report on the limited access general category fishery; 2. FW 25 update (specs for 2014 and AMs for SNE windowpane flounder)	1. Approve FW 25 (final action)	
Herring 1. Approve FW 3 (final action) 2. NMFS update on the status of the Amend. 5 industry-funded observer program		
Red Crab 1. Approve specs for fishing years 2014-2016 (final action)		
Skates 1. Approve alternatives for 2014 specifications	1. Approve specs (final action) for 2014-2016	
NEFMC Management Priorities 1. Discuss list of potential actions for 2014	1. Finalize list of actions for 2014	
Enforcement 1. Provide comments on the groundfish/habitat area management options 2. Recommend adopting the proposed NOAA/USCG Enforcement Policy	1. Comment on NOAA enf. priorities for 2014	
Other Items to be Scheduled <i>Whiting: amend to consider limited access; set specs for 2014-2015</i> <i>Skates: amend. to consider limited access</i>		

Terms Used by the NEFMC

Amend. and FW = amendment and framework adjustments An *amendment* is a formal change to a fishery management plan (FMP). The Council prepares amendments and submits them to the Secretary of Commerce for review and approval. The Council may also change FMPs through a “*framework adjustment* procedure” which may be shorter process than development of a full plan amendment.

Specs = Fishery specifications; these include annual or multi-year catch limits, possession limits, quotas or other restrictions related to catch levels.

EIS = Environmental Impact Statement; a tool for decision making that describes the positive and negative environmental effects of a proposed action and includes one or more alternative actions that may be chosen over the status quo.