

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[RTID 0648–XE755]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is holding a public meeting of its Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Subpanel via webinar to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: This meeting will be held on Friday, April 11, 2025, beginning at 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Webinar Registration information: <https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/j/9xVLOcVtGSRAACAgCu0UQ>.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cate O’Keefe, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465–0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Agenda**

A Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Subpanel will review work led by researchers at the University of Maine, in collaboration with the Maine Department of Marine Resources and the Northeast Fisheries Science Center to evaluate methods for estimating discards of Atlantic cod from the lobster fishery for integration into the Eastern Gulf of Maine (EGOM) Atlantic cod stock assessment. In this review, the subpanel will consider: (1) the methods for quantifying a time series of Atlantic cod discards from the lobster fishery, (2) any modifications of the methods that would be required to incorporate the discard time series into total catch accounting that informs the EGOM cod stock assessment, and (3) any recommendations for improvement of these estimates in the future. This technical review follows the *Council’s Research Review Policy*, consistent with National Standard 2 Guidelines.

Other business will be discussed, as necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on the agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council’s intent to take final action to address the emergency. The public also should be aware that the meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Cate O’Keefe, Executive Director, at (978) 465–0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: March 12, 2025.

Rey Israel Marquez,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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Fisheries of the South Atlantic; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR); Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of SEDAR 90 Data Workshop for South Atlantic Red Snapper.

SUMMARY: The SEDAR 90 assessment process of South Atlantic Red Snapper will consist of a Data Workshop, and a series of assessment webinars, and a Review Workshop. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The SEDAR 90 Data Workshop will be held from 1 p.m. on April 28, 2025, until 1 p.m. on May 2, 2025. The established times may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the assessment process. Such adjustments may result in the meeting being

extended from or completed prior to the time established by this notice.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The SEDAR 90 Data Workshop will be held at the Town & Country Inn and Suites, 2008 Savannah Highway, Charleston, SC 29407.

SEDAR address: 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Emily Ott, SEDAR Coordinator; (843) 302–8434; email: Emily.Ott@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions have implemented the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region. SEDAR is a multi-step process including: (1) Data/Assessment Workshop, and (2) a series of webinars. The product of the Data/Assessment Workshop is a report which compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses, and describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions, and recommends research and monitoring needs. Participants for SEDAR Workshops are appointed by the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office, HMS Management Division, and Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Participants include data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists, and researchers; constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, and NGO’s; International experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and State and Federal agencies.

The items of discussion in the Data Workshop are as follows:

An assessment data set and associated documentation will be developed during the workshop. Participants will evaluate proposed data and select appropriate sources for providing information on life history characteristics, catch statistics, discard estimates, length and age composition, and fishery dependent and fishery independent measures of stock abundance.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those

issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 10 business days prior to each workshop.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: March 12, 2025.

Rey Israel Marquez,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council, NEFMC) will hold a four-day hybrid meeting with both in-person and remote participation to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, April 14, 2025 through Thursday, April 17, 2025, beginning at 1 p.m. on Monday, April 14 and 9 a.m. on Tuesday, April 15, Wednesday, April 16 and Thursday, April 17, 2025.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at Hilton Hotel, 20 Coogan Boulevard, Mystic, CT 06355; telephone: (860) 572-0731; online at <https://www.hilton.com/en/hotels/mysmhfh-hilton-mystic/>. Join the webinar at https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_VZj6UdAZSTKFHEL0BPmeqA.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

Monday, April 14, 2025

The Council will commence its meeting with a closed session of the Executive Committee, pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, this closed session will be held to discuss sensitive information about Council resources. At 1 p.m., the Council Meeting will open to the public and begin with introductions and announcements led by the Council Chair Rick Bellavance. Following this, reports on recent activities will be provided by representatives from various organizations, including the Council Chair, Council Executive Director, Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (GARFO) Regional Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) General Counsel, Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC), Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC), Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC), U.S. Coast Guard, and NOAA Enforcement. Following Reports, Megan Ware and the Working Group will lead a session on Risk Policy. This will include a review Risk Policy implementation, and a weightings exercise based on the factors outlined in the Risk Policy Concept.

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

On Tuesday, the Council will begin a 9 a.m. with a recap of the Day 1 Risk Policy weightings exercise and a presentation of results. Following this, Katherine "KB" McArdle from the NEFSC will provide an overview of the Fishery Monitoring and Research Division's (FMRD) activities, including updates on sea-day accomplishments, upcoming requirements, the at-sea monitoring spend plan, and a data consolidation and modernization project. Then the Habitat Committee Report, presented by Melissa Smith, will cover the initiation of a framework to revise Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) designations for several species, including Atlantic herring, Atlantic cod, skates, and monkfish. There will be an open public comment period where individuals may provide remarks on

issues relevant to Council business including issues not listed on the agenda. In the afternoon, the Groundfish Committee Report, led by Rick Bellavance, will include updates on Amendment 23, Framework 68, and the Redfish Sector Exemption Program Review. Later, Sector Manager Hank Soule and Glenn Chamberlain from the NEFSC will present the challenges and potential solutions related to achieving high target rates for sector observer coverage. The Council will adjourn at 5 p.m., and attendees are invited to a public outreach session in the lobby of the Hilton Hotel, Mystic, where Council members, staff, industry representatives, and meeting attendees can engage in discussions.

Wednesday, April 16, 2025

On the third day, the Council will begin with a presentation from the NEFSC on the peer-reviewed results of the 2025 Atlantic Herring Research Track Assessment. Following this, the Atlantic Herring Committee Report, led by Cheri Patterson and Dr. Lisa Kerr, will include discussions on updated Overfishing Limit (OFL) and Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) recommendations from the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and potential Council action to revise specifications for 2025-2027. The last morning session will be a State of the Ecosystem presentation, delivered by Dr. Joe Caracappa and Dr. Lisa Kerr, who will provide insights into the 2025 State of the Ecosystem Report for New England waters. After the lunch break, John Pappalardo will present an overview of the Climate and Ecosystem Steering Committee's inaugural meeting, a draft Statement of Organization, Practices, and Procedures (SOPPs), and the 2025 workplan, as well as updates on Council IRA-funded projects. Next, the On-Demand Fishing Gear Conflict Working Group will initiate a framework to revise regulations for on-demand fishing gear in New England and Mid-Atlantic fixed-gear fisheries. Finally, the Monkfish and Skate Committee Reports, led by Matt Gates and Scott Olszewski, will provide updates on 2025 monkfish and skate priorities, including the initiation of Monkfish Framework Adjustment 17 to set fishing year 2026-2028 specifications and the initial discussion on Skate 2025-2027 specifications.

Thursday, April 17, 2025

The Council will begin the fourth and final day with a Congressional Update from Dave Whaley. Following this, the Scallop Committee Report, presented by Melanie Griffin, will include an