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### 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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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XE756]

### 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\\_VZj6UdAZSTKFHELoBPmeqA](https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_VZj6UdAZSTKFHELoBPmeqA).

*Council address:* New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950; telephone (978) 465-0492; [www.nefmc.org](http://www.nefmc.org).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cate O'Keefe, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492, ext. 113.

### 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

overview of input from visioning sessions, a call for workplan approval, and a discussion of next steps for the Scallop Strategic Plan. Additionally, there will be a progress report on the five-year review of the Limited Access General Category (LAGC) Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Program. The meeting will conclude with any other business that needs to be addressed.

Although non-emergency issues not listed on the agenda may arise, formal Council action will be restricted to the issues specified in this notice. Emergency actions requiring immediate attention may be considered under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified. The public should also be aware that the meeting will be recorded, and a copy of the recording is available upon request, consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Executive Director Cate O'Keefe (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

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#### Key Israel Marquez,

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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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) 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/join/register/UjxVLOcVtGSRACAgCu0UQ>.

*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

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465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Pacific 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 Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) will convene webinar meetings of the Groundfish Management Team (GMT) and its Groundfish Advisory Subpanel (GAP). The GMT and the GAP will discuss items on the Pacific Council's April 2025 meeting agenda and other items. These meetings are open to the public.

**DATES:** The GAP online meeting will be held on Friday, April 4, 2025, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Pacific Time. The GMT online meeting will be held on Friday, April 4, 2025, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Pacific Time. The scheduled ending times for these meetings is an estimate. The meetings will adjourn when business for the day is completed.

**ADDRESSES:** These meetings will be held online. Specific meeting information, including directions on how to attend the meeting and system requirements will be provided in the meeting announcement on the Pacific Council's website (see [www.pcouncil.org](http://www.pcouncil.org)). You may send an email to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt ([kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov](mailto:kris.kleinschmidt@noaa.gov)) or contact him at (503) 820-2412 for technical assistance.

*Council address:* Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jessi Waller, Staff Officer, Pacific Council; [jessi.waller@pcouncil.org](mailto:jessi.waller@pcouncil.org), telephone: (503) 820-2426.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The primary purpose of the GMT and GAP webinars are to prepare for the Pacific Council's April 2025 meeting agenda