

Agenda

Tuesday, September 15, 2026

The Council will begin the meeting with introductions and announcements by Council Chair Daniel Salerno, followed by the swearing-in of new and reappointed Council members by the Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office (GARFO). The Council will then elect officers for 2026–2027.

The Council will receive reports on recent activities from the Council Chair and Executive Director; the GARFO Regional Administrator; NOAA General Counsel; the Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC); the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC); the U.S. Coast Guard; NOAA Enforcement; and Highly Migratory Species (HMS).

Following reports, Daniel Salerno will provide a report from the Northeast Trawl Advisory Panel (NTAP), including an update on the Panel's July meeting and the Regional Industry-Based Trawl Survey. Dr. Anna Mercer of the NEFSC Cooperative Research Branch will then provide a presentation on cooperative research activities. After a Council photo and lunch break, the Council will receive a report from the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), chaired by Dr. Conor McManus, including the SSC's overfishing limit and acceptable biological catch recommendations for Atlantic herring and a summary of recommendations from the Dynamic Reference Points Workshop.

The Council will then receive a report from the Atlantic Herring Committee, chaired by Peter Whelan, and take final action to set Atlantic herring specifications for Fishing Years (FY) 2027–2031. The Committee will also provide updates on river herring and shad management measures.

The Council will then hold an open period for public comment on Council issues that are not listed on the agenda. The meeting will adjourn at approximately 5 p.m. At 6 p.m., the Council will hold a public outreach event at Hotel 1620 to provide an opportunity for an informational exchange and foster open lines of communication among all meeting attendees.

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

The second day of the meeting will begin with a report from Council staff on the evaluation of vessel baseline restrictions across New England and Mid-Atlantic limited access fisheries. The Council will then receive a report from the Habitat Committee, chaired by

Melissa Smith, and take final action on the 2026 Essential Fish Habitat Framework. The Committee will also report on the evaluation of the Great South Channel clam dredge exemption program. Next, the Council will receive a report from the Scallop Committee, chaired by Melanie Griffin, including an update on the action to set scallop specifications for Fishing Years 2027 and 2028 (default) and Framework 42 measures to develop sub-management units in the Northern Gulf of Maine and regional allocations of Limited Access Days-at-Sea.

After a lunch break, Council staff will present the results of the Regional Stock Prioritization process and recommendations from the New England Regional Coordinating Committee and then review recommendations related to Executive Order 14276, including the priority recommendations included in NOAA Fisheries' July 2 letter to the Council. The Council will end day two with a discussion of and a potential action to establish 2027 Council work priorities.

Thursday, September 17, 2026

The third day of the meeting will begin with a presentation from Corie Grewal and Jennifer Goebel of GARFO on scoping for future Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan rulemaking. Council staff will then provide a presentation on the Implementation Plan for the Council's Holistic Strategic Plan Initiative, and the Council will consider approval of the Council's Holistic Strategic Plan. Next, Deirdre Boelke of the Fisheries Insight Network will present the draft design of the 11-State Regional Fund Administration fisheries compensation program and discuss opportunities for public comment. Executive Director Cate O'Keefe will then provide Council planning updates, including the status and planning of fishery management plans, Council priorities, Inflation Reduction Act initiatives, and other Council activities. The meeting will conclude with other business and adjourn at approximately 12 p.m.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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

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

ACTION: Notice of webinar.

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

DATES: The SEDAR 90 Assessment Webinar 10 will be held from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. EDT on September 9, 2026.

ADDRESSES:

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

Meeting address: The SEDAR 90 Assessment Webinar 10 will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. 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. www.sedarweb.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with the NMFS and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions have implemented the SEDAR process. SEDAR is a participatory process for developing, evaluating and reviewing information used for fisheries management advice. This multi-step process for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region may include (1) a data stage, (2) an assessment stage, and (3) a review stage. Each stage produces a report summarizing decisions made during

that stage. A final stock assessment report is produced at the end of a SEDAR process documenting data sets used, model configurations, and the opinions from the independent peer review. Participants for SEDAR projects are appointed by the Gulf, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and National Marine Fisheries Service Southeast Regional Office, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, and Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Participants may include data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists, and researchers; constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, and non-governmental organizations; International experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and State and Federal agencies.

The items of discussion in the SEDAR 90 Assessment Webinar 10 are as follows:

Participants will review recommendations made on Assessment Webinar 9 and continue discussion of new modeling topics. 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 this meeting. 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 5 business days prior to each workshop.

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

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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 scheduling a public hybrid meeting of its Scallop Committee 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 Thursday, September 10, 2026 at 9 a.m. EST.

Webinar registration URL information: <https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/j/9876543210>

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at Hilton Garden Inn Boston Logan, 100 Boardman St., Boston, MA 02128; Phone (617) 567-6789.

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:

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The Scallop Committee will meet to discuss 2027 & 2028 (Default) Specifications—Review results of 2026 scallop surveys, and preliminary projections (if available). The primary focus of this meeting will be to develop input on the range of potential specification alternatives for FY 2027 and FY 2028. The action will set Acceptable Biological Catch/Annual Catch Limits, days-at-sea, access area allocations, total allowable landings for the Northern Gulf of Maine (NGOM) management area, targets for General Category incidental catch, General Category access area trips and trip accounting, and set-asides for the observer and research programs for fishing year 2027 and default specifications for fishing year 2028. The committee will also discuss Framework 42, an action that will consider measures to delineate Georges Bank and

Mid-Atlantic Days-at-Sea, as well as define sub-management areas in the NGOM. They will also discuss long-term Scallop Strategic Plan: Review draft 3-Year Work Plan. Other business will be discussed, if 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.

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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 scheduling a public hybrid meeting of its Scallop Joint Advisory Panel and Plan Development Team 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.