

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

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**Council Coordination Committee Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting; information regarding the agenda.

**SUMMARY:** The National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, will host an interim session of the Council Coordination Committee (CCC), consisting of the Regional Fishery Management Council chairs, vice chairs, and executive directors, on July 24, 2024. The intent of this virtual meeting is to discuss draft updates to NMFS Procedure 04-114-02, the Ecosystem-Based Fisheries Management (EBFM) Road Map.

**DATES:** The meeting will begin at 3:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) on Wednesday July 24, adjourning at 5:00 p.m. EDT.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held online via WebEx at <https://noaanmfs-meets.webex.com/noaanmfs-meets/j.php?MTID=md488252c97e93eb5cba28de943a2070c> [Meeting number: 2825 457 3083; Password: TsZGuMR!].

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Morgan Corey by email at [Morgan.Corey@noaa.gov](mailto:Morgan.Corey@noaa.gov) or at (301) 427-8500.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In 2016, NMFS adopted its EBFM Policy and EBFM Road Map. Both the Policy and the Road Map are part of NMFS's Policy Directive System, which guides work within NMFS, but does not have the force and effect of law and do not bind the public. The EBFM Policy was updated in the Policy Directive System in February 2024, following a scheduled 2023 review. The more detailed EBFM Road Map was also scheduled for and subject to a review in 2023, and NMFS made the draft Road Map available for public review in May 2024.

During this interim CCC session, NMFS will brief the CCC on updates to the EBFM Policy and Road Map, and will discuss progress made to date on implementing these internal directives since 2016.

The 2007 reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act established the CCC. The CCC consists of the chairs, vice chairs, and executive

directors of each of the eight Regional Fishery Management Councils.

**Proposed Agenda**

*Wednesday, July 24, 2024—3:30 p.m.–5 p.m. EDT*

1. Welcome (Mike Ruccio)
2. EBFM Policy and Road Map Overview & Discussion (Yvonne deReynier and Jason Link)
3. Public Comment
4. Close of Meeting (Mike Ruccio)

**Special Accommodations**

If you have particular access needs please contact Morgan Corey at [Morgan.Corey@noaa.gov](mailto:Morgan.Corey@noaa.gov) at least 7 business days prior to the meeting for accommodation.

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

Dated: July 3, 2024.

**Kelly Denit,**

*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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**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 hybrid meeting of its Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) 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 Tuesday, July 30 and Wednesday, July 31, 2024, beginning at 9 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, 100 High Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801; telephone: (603) 431-1499.

*Webinar Registration information:* <https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/j/3alPmYs5qFYQLf6uic>

*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**

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will meet to review the information provided by the Council's Plan Development Teams, review stock assessment information where appropriate, and recommend the overfishing limits (OFL) and acceptable biological catches (ABC) for: Atlantic herring for fishing years (FY) 2025-2027. Four stocks of Atlantic cod for FY 2025-2027. \* Georges Bank yellowtail flounder for FY 2025-2026. They will review a method developed by the Northeast Fisheries Science Center for apportioning the biomass of Georges Bank cod and haddock into the Eastern Georges Bank management area. Other business will be discussed as necessary. \* *Review of some cod stocks may be postponed pending the timing of assessments being final.*

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**

The meetings are 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: July 3, 2024.

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