



## 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 meeting of its Scallop Committee 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 Thursday, November 20, 2025 at 9 a.m.

Webinar registration URL information:

<https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/DcI5OhNvRIWi62HpbhUWUQ>

#### **ADDRESSES:**

*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 Scallop Committee will meet to discuss Framework 40 (FW40): Review specifications alternatives in FW40 and select final preferred alternatives. FW40 will set specifications including the overfishing limit acceptable biological catch/annual catch

limit, days-at-sea, access area allocations for Limited Access vessels, quota and access area trip allocation to the Limited Access General Category (LAGC) Individual Fishing Quota component, Total Allowable Landings for the Northern Gulf of Maine management area, a target-Total Allowable Catch for LAGC incidental catch and set-asides for the observer and research programs for fishing year 2026, and default specifications for fishing year 2027. They also plan to review the draft Long-Term Strategic Plan. The Committee will develop recommendations for possible 2026 scallop work priorities. 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.

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

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