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# Northeast Regional Fishery Assessment Coordination

TOR IV Organization & Priorities

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# Northeast Regional Coordinating Council Membership

Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office

Northeast Fisheries Science Center

New England Fishery Management Council

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council

Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

# Northeast Regional Coordinating Council Mission

To enhance the probability of successful fisheries management by helping to resolve resource shortfalls, and improving communication, coordination and efficiency among the federal partners

# Meetings

Two in person meetings annually (Spring and Autumn)

Jointly chaired by the GAR Director and the NEFSC and Science and Research Director

## Staff Participation

- Deputies
- Key Division Chiefs
- NEFSC (S&RD, Deputy S&RD, Council Liaison, READ Division Chief, Population Dynamics & Social Sciences Branch Chief)

# Agenda Topics

Stock assessment scheduling (timing conflicts, communication strategies, etc.)

Current and proposed management actions (plan amendments, plan framework actions, plan development team activities, scoping processes)

- Timelines associated with activities
- Personnel resources required from each NRCC organization

## DRAFT Worksheet For NRCC Planning/Discussion (11/15/2013)

**Scheduling Worksheet for Stock Assessments.**

**date: Nov. 14, 2013**

**Basis for entries in Table: May 2013 NRCC meeting and after**

2013: 1st half	2013: 2nd half
White hake - SARC 56, Feb 19-22, 2013	Striped bass - SARC 57, [July 23-26]
Atlantic surfclam - SARC 56	Summer flounder - SARC 57
(River herring - Extinction Risk Analysis)	(Data Review, August 5-9)
(EGB cod benchmark - Ap. 9-11, 2013, TRAC)	
(TRAC - EGB cod, EGB haddock, GB YT - June 25-27 Canada)	
(Updates: Bluef, Scup [w/ SSC], Dog, skates, monkfish -Ap. 8-9 Op. Assess., Ocean quahog, Mackerel, butterfish, tilefish, squid	

2014: 1st half	2014: 2nd half
N. shrimp - SARC 58, Jan. 27-31	Scallops - SARC 59, July 15-18
Tilefish - SARC 58	Bluefish - SARC 59
Butterfish - SARC 58	
(ASMFC - Sturgeon -Feb)	(Multisp. Groundfish Updates, Operational Assessment , Nov.)
(GB YT Alternative <b>OR</b> Scallop Survey methods peer review - March)	
(ASMFC - Lobster peer review -April)	
(Model Review - May)	
(TRAC - EGB cod, EGB haddock, GB YT ) June 23 -27, WH	
(Updates: BlkSeaBass [research report], Scup [rumble strip], Fluke, Mackerel, squid	(Updates: Dog, skates, hakes (silver, red, offshore)

2015: 1st half	2015: 2nd half
GOM haddock - SARC 60	Pollock - SARC 61
squid (shortfin) - SARC 60	Ocean quahog BRPs - SARC 61
squid (longfin) - SARC 60	
(ASMFC - Sturgeon -Feb)	( Research on Rapid Assessment Methods, rumble strips, sign posts) ???
(TRAC - EGB cod, EGB haddock, GB YT - June)	
(Updates: Bluef, BlkSeaBass [product ???], Scup [product ???], Fluke, Dog, skates, Mackerel, butterfish, tilefish	

2016: 1st half	2016: 2nd half

Key:

*Italics = Under consideration, but not officially scheduled.*

"( )" = not in the SARC process.

Cells filled with gray = work completed.

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# Meeting Process

Informal consensus-based decision making

Development of consensus Action Items

- Description of tasks to be completed
- Which groups and personnel should be involved
- Primary responsible party
- Work products to be produced
- Target deadline for delivery of work products for NRCC review

# Examples of Recent Action Items

- NRCC Public Participation Policy
- Stock Assessment Workshop Participation Policy
- SARC Public Comment Policy
- Ecosystem Based Fisheries Management Coordination
- Stock Assessment Draft Schedules
- Northeast Fishery Dependent Data Visioning Project

# Key Outcomes

Effective forum where parties can discuss and coordinate on cross-cutting issues

A regular biannual process for assessing and allocating stock assessment resources to meet Council and Commission needs