

**Joint Framework Action to Reduce Sturgeon Bycatch in Dogfish and Monkfish Fisheries  
2023 NEFMC and MAFMC plan**

*Note: some structure and process details are still under development*

- **February-Early March**
  - FMAT/PDT formation:
    - Send letters requesting membership from GARFO, NEFSC, and ASMFC. MAFMC and NEFMC staff will co-chair.
- **Late March/April**
  - FMAT/PDT meetings to develop range of alternatives as needed (1-2 meetings)
  - Joint Monkfish and Dogfish AP meeting to comment on potential range of alternatives
- **April**
  - NEFMC initiates Monkfish FW action
- **Mid-May**
  - Joint Dogfish and Monkfish Committee meeting to recommend range of alternatives to Councils
- **June**
  - **Framework Meeting #1 for both Councils:** Approve range of alternatives (MAFMC meeting would occur first, see table)
- **July/August**
  - Joint Committee meeting(s) to refine alternatives (if necessary)
- **August**
  - Presentation at ASMFC summer meeting on alternatives
- **June-October**
  - Staff and FMAT/PDT analyze alternatives and develop final action document
- **Early November**
  - Joint AP meeting to recommend preferred alternative
  - Joint Committee meeting to recommend preferred alternative
- **December**
  - **Final Action for both Councils** (NEFMC meeting would occur first, see table)

<b>Joint Action: Council Meeting Schedules (Excluding February)</b>		
<b>2023 NEFMC Meetings</b>	<b>2023 MAFMC Meetings</b>	<b>Sturgeon Action on Agenda</b>
April 18-20	April 4-6	NEFMC initiatives monkfish FW
June 27-29	June 6-8	Approve range of alternatives
	August 8-11	
September 26-28	October 3-5	
December 5-7	December 11-14	Final action