

# **New England Fishery Management Council Program Review**

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# Why do a review?

- Good institutional practice
- Identify resource limitations and practices
- Learn from other organizations
- Improve processes

# RFMO Reviews

- FAO overview of reviews conducted 2004 – 2014 (in binder)
- “External” reviews but with “internal” members
- 9 months to three years
- Public meeting(s) and correspondence
- Contractor support varied

# Common Themes

- Conservation and management of fish stocks
- Compliance with international obligations
- Legal framework, financial affairs, organization:
- Cooperation with other organizations

# NEFMC Review

- Review panel approach
  - 3 managers, 3 scientists
- Contractor support
  - Stakeholder input
  - Administrative



# Scope

- Foundations of management
  - Legislation
  - Policy directives
  - Scientific information
- Council processes
  - FMPs
- Review of representative actions
- Challenges and opportunities



# Meeting

- Four days
- Public and non-public sessions
- Background panels
- Example actions
- Webinar access (unplanned)

# Next Steps

- Final report (55 pages) review and implementation



[http://s3.amazonaws.com/nefmc.org/Final\\_ProgramReview\\_Report\\_050318.pdf](http://s3.amazonaws.com/nefmc.org/Final_ProgramReview_Report_050318.pdf)



# Suggestions

- Focused TORs
- Stakeholder input structure
- Panel membership

# Questions?