

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Skate Committee

I. STATUS

- A. Meetings: The final supplemental scoping hearing for Amendment 5 was held on February 8. The Skate Plan Development Team (PDT) met on March 4, the Advisory Panel met on March 17, the Skate Committee met on March 25, and the PDT met on April 9.
- B. Amendment 5: The supplemental scoping period closed February 12. The PDT has summarized the scoping comments, updated the discussion document, and provided background information to support the Council in developing a range of measures on the topics approved in September 2020. The Advisory Panel and Committee have developed recommendations for the next steps for this action.
- C. FY 2022-2023 Specifications: The PDT has begun preparing background information to support this action and is working towards developing Acceptable Biological Catch recommendations with input from the Northeast Fisheries Science Center on how to treat survey data gaps. The Advisory Panel and Committee received updates on this work.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. Amendment 5 - Identify next steps for this action.
- B. FY2022-2023 Specifications - No action required.

III. INFORMATION

- 1. Staff presentation
- 2. Amendment 5
 - a. Supplemental scoping comments
 - b. Summary of comments (from initial and supplemental scoping)
 - c. Discussion document – March 2021 update
 - d. PDT memo on background information – March 10, 2021
- 3. FY 2022-2023 Specifications
 - a. Discussion document – April 2021 update
- 4. Meeting summaries
 - a. Plan Development Team – March 4, 2021
 - b. Advisory Panel – March 17, 2021
 - c. Committee – March 25, 2021
- 5. Correspondence