

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Skate Committee

I. STATUS

- A. Meetings: The Monkfish and Skate Plan Development Teams met jointly on July 16th, separately on August 5th and jointly on August 21st to continue the development of specifications actions for both fisheries.
- B. FY 2026-2030 Specifications Action: The Council will set FY 2026-2030 specifications for the Northeast Skate Complex. In addition to specifications, the Council could consider revising possession limits through this action. Final action is expected in September 2025. The revised specifications are based on a data update from the Northeast Fisheries Science Center.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. Final action on specifications.

III. INFORMATION

- 1. Council staff presentation (joint with Skate Council staff)
- 2. Monkfish Specifications Action
 - a. [SSC memo to NEFMC re Monkfish OFLs and ABCs, August 31, 2025](#)
 - b. [Monkfish Framework Adjustment 17, draft](#)
 - c. Decision document
- 3. Skate Specifications Action
 - a. [SSC memo to NEFMC re Skate OFLs and ABCs, August 31, 2025](#)
 - b. [Skate Specifications document, draft](#)
 - c. Decision document
- 4. Joint PDT analyses
 - a. Memo from Monkfish and Skate PDTs to Committees, [March 12, 2025](#)
 - b. Memo from Monkfish and Skate PDTs to Committees, [September 9, 2025](#)
- 5. Meeting summaries
 - a. Joint Monkfish-Skate PDT meeting, [May 29, 2025](#)
 - b. Joint Monkfish-Skate PDT meeting, [July 16, 2025](#)
 - c. Monkfish Catch per Unit Effort meeting, [July 28, 2025](#)
 - d. Skate PDT meeting, [August 5, 2025](#)
 - e. Monkfish PDT meeting, [August 7, 2025](#)
 - f. Joint Monkfish-Skate PDT meeting, [August 21, 2025](#)
 - g. Joint Monkfish-Skate AP meeting, September 16, 2025 – draft
 - h. Joint Monkfish-Skate Committee meeting, September 17, 2025 – draft

*Documents are duplicative with the Monkfish status sheet. The Monkfish and Skate Committees will have a combined report at the Council meeting.