NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Skate Committee

I. STATUS

- A. <u>Meetings</u>: The Committee met on February 21 and March 28 to develop and select preferred alternatives for Framework 6. The AP met on March 28 to select preferred alternatives for Framework 6.
- B. Framework 4: The Framework became effective on March 15, 2018.
- C. <u>Framework 5</u>: The preliminary submission was completed on February 13, 2018.
- D. <u>Framework 6</u>: Framework 6 reduces the uncertainty buffer between the ACL and the ACT. Final action is expected to be taken at the April 2018 Council meeting. Preliminary submission would be expected to occur in May 2018.
- E. <u>Amendment 5</u>: The PDT will continue development after final action is taken on Framework 6.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

Final action on Framework 6 to reduce the uncertainty buffer

III. INFORMATION

- 1. Presentation (to be provided)
- 2. Draft Framework Adjustment 6, dated April 6, 2018
- 3. PDT meeting summary, dated March 20, 2018
- 4. Draft Committee meeting summary, dated February 21, 2018
- 5. Draft Advisory Panel meeting summary, dated March 28, 2018
- 6. Draft Committee meeting summary, dated March 28, 2018
- 7. Correspondence (if any)