

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Skate Committee

I. STATUS

- A. Meetings: No meetings have been held since the September 2017 NEFMC meeting.
- B. Framework 4: The preliminary submission was completed on August 25, 2017.
- C. Framework 5: The Council selected preferred alternatives for specifications for FYs 2018 and 2019 and to allow barndoor skate to be landed at the September 2017 meeting. The Council added an additional alternative to exempt vessels from NE skate complex regulations, except for possessing prohibited species, when fishing in the NAFO Regulated Area.
- D. Amendment 5: The PDT will continue development after final action is taken on Framework 5.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. Select a preferred alternative for the NAFO Regulated Area exemption alternatives.
- B. Approve Framework Adjustment 5.

III. INFORMATION

- 1. Staff Presentation
- 2. Draft Framework 5, dated November 27, 2017
- 3. Correspondence