

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Skate Committee

I. STATUS

- A. Meetings: The Committee met on May 23 to develop alternatives for Framework 6 that would adjust wing possession limits. The AP met on March 23 to also develop alternatives for adjusting wing possession limits for Framework 6.
- B. Framework 5: Staff is currently working on editing Framework 5 before formal submission can occur in June.
- C. Framework 6: The Council selected a preferred alternative to reduce the uncertainty buffer between the ACL and the ACT at the April 2018 Council meeting. The Council also directed the AP and Committee to reconsider adjusting wing possession limits. Final consideration of Framework 6 is expected to be taken at the June 2018 Council meeting. Preliminary submission would be expected to occur in July 2018.
- D. Amendment 5: The PDT will continue development after final action is taken on Framework 6.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

Consider the Skate Committee recommendation to not pursue adjusting wing possession limits and to submit Framework 6 to NMFS

III. INFORMATION

- 1. Presentation (to be provided)
- 2. Draft Framework Adjustment 6, dated June 1, 2018
- 3. Draft Committee motions, dated May 23, 2018
- 4. Draft Advisory Panel motions, dated May 23, 2018
- 5. Correspondence (if any)