# **NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

# **Skate Committee**

## I. STATUS

A. <u>Meetings</u>: Six scoping meetings, including one webinar, were held between January 24, 2017 and February 27, 2017 to hear public opinion on limited access in the skate fisheries. The AP and Committee met April 3-4, 2017 to review the scoping comments.

# II. COUNCIL ACTION

Review scoping comments on limited access. Consider initiating an additional framework adjustment in order to modify skate bait possession limits.

# III. INFORMATION

- 1. Written scoping comments regarding limited access.
- 2. Scoping hearing summaries regarding limited access.
- 3. PDT meeting summary dated March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017.
- 4. Draft AP meeting summary, dated April 3, 2017.
- 5. Draft Committee meeting summary, dated April 4, 2017
- 6. Correspondence