



New England Fishery Management Council

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Skate Plan Development Team (PDT)

Date: Monday, August 10, 2015
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Mariners House, 11 North Square, Boston, MA 02113
Phone: (617) 227-3979

Agenda items:

The Skate PDT will meet to consider the stock status of the seven skate species using updated NMFS trawl survey indices and will develop advice and recommendations for revising the Skate Allowable Biological Catch (ABC). The PDT will also discuss potential skate priorities for 2014 and recent Committee tasking on the feasibility of FMP restructuring. The PDT may discuss other business as necessary.

Directions:

From the North:

Take Route 93 South to the Dedham/Providence Exit (I-93 to I-95) and then take Exit 6 – Braintree. Bear right off the exit. At the second set of lights (Mobil Station), turn right. The hotel is on your left.

From the South:

Take Route 95 North into Massachusetts to Exit 12 – Route 93 North. Follow Route 93 North to Exit 6 – Braintree. Bear right off the exit. At the first set of lights (Mobile Station), turn right. The hotel is on your left.

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Members of the public may attend PDT meetings, or listen in if the meetings are broadcast, but should not expect to participate unless the PDT chair invites input. Public comments and questions will not be taken during PDT conference calls

PDTs are responsible to the Council and work on technical analyses as directed by their oversight committees. Once complete, PDT work products are reviewed at oversight committee meetings to which the public is invited. It is at that point that comments are encouraged on a range of issues, including PDT reports and recommendations, proposed management options or other information that is relevant to the committee's business at that time. The Committee, in turn, makes management recommendations to the full Council based on the full suite of information it has available to it.