



New England Fishery Management Council

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MEETING NOTICE SKATE COMMITTEE

Date: Monday, September 25, 2017

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Location: DoubleTree by Hilton
50 Ferncroft Road
Danvers, MA 01923
Phone: (978) 777-2500

Agenda:

- Discuss Plan Development Team (PDT) analysis and draft Framework Adjustment 5 (FW 5) alternatives including updated status determinations for the Northeast Skate Complex, recommendations for the Skate Allowable Biological Catch (ABC), associated possession limits, and allowing the landing of barndoor skate.
- Select preferred alternatives for FW 5.
- Discuss PDT analyses of limited access in the Northeast Skate Fishery Management Plan.
- Discuss recommendations for the Council to consider for 2018 priorities for the Northeast Skate Complex FMP. The Council is scheduled to have an initial discussion of potential 2018 priorities at the September Council meeting.
- Discuss if there are any regulations in the Northeast Skate Complex FMP that could be eliminated, improved, or streamlined. Several recent Executive Orders have been issued about streamlining current regulations, and NOAA is seeking public input on the efficiency and effectiveness of current regulations and whether they can be improved.
- Discuss other business, as necessary.

If you would like written comments to be considered at this meeting, they must be received at the NEFMC office no later than 5 p.m. Wednesday, September 20, 2017. Please address them to Council Chairman Dr. John Quinn or Executive Director Tom Nies. Email submissions should be sent to comments@nefmc.org.

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cc: Skate AP, PDT, IPs

Notice date: September 5, 2017