



New England Fishery Management Council

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Skate Plan Development Team Conference Call

Date: Wednesday, October 25, 2017

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Agenda:

- Discussion of Council motion to include in Framework Adjustment 5 the consideration of exempting vessels fishing exclusively in the NAFO Regulatory Area from skate regulations pertaining to permit, mesh size, effort control, and possession limit restrictions similar to regulations in 648.17 for NE multispecies and monkfish.
- If time permits, other business may be discussed.

Call In information

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