



New England Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 14, 2019
TO: Skate Advisory Panel (AP) and Committee
FROM: Matt McKenzie, Skate Committee Chair
SUBJECT: **Skate AP and Committee Meetings on May 21 & 22, 2019**

There will be a Skate AP and Committee meeting at the Hilton Providence in Providence, RI on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 and Wednesday, May 22, 2019. Both meetings start at 9am.

Purpose: The Committee raised questions about objectives for limited access in the skate fishery at its April 25, 2019 meeting. The Committee wanted clear objectives to be identified that would justify the need for limited access and, if justified, structure a limited access program that reflects two distinct fisheries as well as their directed and incidental components. The PDT compiled potential objectives from scoping comments for consideration and completed requested analyses on trip frequencies and number of vessels qualifying for permit categories proposed by the AP. *The primary task for the AP and Committee is to develop draft objectives for limited access in the skate fishery to continue development of this action.*

The following documents are provided to help prepare for this meeting:

1. Meeting memo and agenda (this memo)
2. Presentation (*to be provided*)
3. PDT meeting summary, dated May 2019
4. PDT meeting summary, dated April 2019
5. Draft AP meeting summary, dated April 23, 2019
6. Draft Committee meeting summary, dated April 25, 2019
7. Correspondence (*if any received*)

If you have any questions about the documents, please contact Fiona Hogan (fhogan@nefmc.org; (978) 465-0492 x121).



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Skate Advisory Panel

Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

9:00 am	Introductions/approval of agenda
9:15 am	Limited Access <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Presentation on PDT analyses- Discussion of Objections- Make recommendations to Committee
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm	Continued Discussion of Amendment 5/Limited Access
3:00 pm	Other Business

Times listed next to agenda items are estimates and subject to change.



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Skate Committee

Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, May 22, 2019

9:00 am	Introductions/approval of agenda
9:15 am	Limited Access <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Presentation on PDT analyses- Discussion of Objections
12:00 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm	Continued Discussion of Amendment 5/Limited Access
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