



New England Fishery Management Council

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Skate PDT Meeting Agenda

Wednesday February 5, 2020
9:30 AM – 4:00 PM

Mariner's House; 11 North Square, Boston MA

Skate Plan Development Team	
Walter Anoushian, NEFSC	Ashleigh McCord, GARFO/NEPA
Jenny Couture, NEFMC	Danielle Palmer, GARFO/PRD
Tobey Curtis, GARFO/HMS	Eric Schneider, RI DEM DMF
Dr. Rachel Feeney, PDT Chair, NEFMC	Dr. Katherine Sosebee, NEFSC/Pop. Dy.
Cynthia Ferrio, GARFO/SFD	John Sullivan, GARFO/APSD
Lou Goodreau, NEFMC	

9:30 am **Introductions/approval of agenda**

9:40 **Status updates and planning Skate PDT work**

- Review timeline of skate work
- Plan for creating the 2020 annual monitoring report

10:15 **Amendment 5 to the Skate FMP (limited access)**

- Discuss work to date to accomplish October 22 Committee tasking and plan future work ahead of next AP and Committee meetings
- Discuss methods to identify key skate fishing communities for the Affected Environment

11:45 **Lunch**

12:45 **Amendment 5 cont.**

- Check-in with Skate Committee Chairman and continue work

3:00 **2020-2024 Council research priorities**

- Develop skate-related recommendations for the annual update of Council research priorities.

3:40 **Other business**

4:00 **Adjourn**

Meeting Documents

1. Meeting agenda (this document)
2. Staff presentation
3. Planning
 - a. Timeline for skate work
 - b. 2019 Skate Annual Monitoring Report
4. Amendment 5
 - a. DRAFT PDT memo to the Skate Committee
 - b. Committee meeting summary, October 22, 2019
 - c. DRAFT Amendment 5 Affected Environment, Human Community subsection (see Section 1.2.4.1)
5. Research Priorities
 - a. 2029-2023 Council research priorities related to skates (PDF)
 - b. 2020-2024 DRAFT Council research priorities related to skates (Excel, not public)
 - c. SSC memo to NEFMC re skate MSY and ABC, September 2019.