



New England Fishery Management Council

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Skate Plan Development Team Meeting Agenda

Monday July 13, 2020

1:00 – 3:00 PM

Webinar (recommended): <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/344451509>

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1:00 Introductions/approval of agenda

1:05 Amendment 5

- Recap outcomes of the June Council meeting (Feeney)
- Discuss the status of this action
- Tasking on any outstanding PDT work

1:30 2020 Skate Annual Monitoring Report (for FY 2019)

- Survey indices and a re-evaluation of stock status (Sosebee)
- Fishery landings and discards (Sullivan)
- Changes to other FMPs that could impact skates
- Develop guidance on the need to adjust measures in the Skate FMP to better achieve the FMP's objectives.
- Tasking on any outstanding PDT work

2:20 Thorny skate research

- Overview of recent thorny skate research (Curtis)
- Develop any feedback to researchers and discuss the status of thorny skate

2:40 Council priorities regarding skates

- Develop recommendations for addressing E.O. 13921 and for 2021 management priorities

2:55 Other business and adjourn

Meeting Documents

1. Meeting agenda (this document)
2. Staff presentation slides
3. Amendment 5
 - a. Draft Discussion Document
 - b. PDT memo, May 29, 2020
4. 2020 Skate Annual Monitoring Report (for FY 2019)
 - a. 2019 Skate Annual Monitoring Report (for FY 2018)
 - b. Skate wing quota monitoring report, April 30, 2020
 - c. Skate bait quota monitoring report, April 30, 2020
 - d. NEFSC memo on skate survey indices and stock status, July 10, 2020
 - e. DRAFT 2020 Skate Annual Monitoring Report (for FY 2019)
5. Thorny skate research
 - a. Presentation slides by T. Curtis
6. Priorities
 - a. Executive Order 13921 on Promoting American Seafood Competitiveness
 - b. Executive Order 13921 Letter to Councils