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Skate Plan Development Team Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

via webinar

Meeting website with materials: <https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/aug-5-2025-skate-plan-development-team-webinar>

Webinar registration link: <https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/joining/register/9WdWNxBPQxSAGNoZykXLWA>

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8:50 AM **Log on to webinar and test audio**

9:00 **Introductions/approve agenda/timeline/other updates**

9:10 **Discuss Fishing Year (FY) 2024 year-end catch accounting by Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office**

- Commercial landings and discards, recreational catch, etc.

9:30 **Discuss 2025 skate data update from Northeast Fisheries Science Center**

- Survey biomass indices and fishery catch data

10:00 **FY 2026-2030 (defaults for 2028-2030) Specifications**

- Develop an overfishing limit and acceptable biological catch for the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) to consider that are based on the data update and application of the ABC control rule.
- Develop materials for the August 19 SSC meeting.
 - PDT memo on ABC
 - Risk policy matrix

- Plan for preparing the supplemental information report including specifications flow chart; preliminary discussion of effort controls.

11:50 Other business

- Recap next steps, plan next meeting

12:00 PM Adjourn

Meeting Documents

1. Meeting/General information
 - a. Meeting agenda (this document)
 - b. Skate staff presentation including timeline
2. 2025 NEFSC skate data update
3. 2026-2027 Skate Specifications
 - a. Draft Skate PDT memo to SSC
 - b. Draft risk policy matrix
 - c. Draft specifications supplemental information report (with catch accounting)
 - d. Spreadsheet for specifications flow chart
 - e. Skate specifications action plan (version 2)
4. [2024 Skate Annual Monitoring Report](#)
5. 2024-2025 skate specifications
 - a. [PDT memo to SSC, October 3, 2023](#)
 - b. [SSC memo to Council, October 11, 2023](#)
 - c. [Skate Framework Adjustment 12](#)
6. [2025 State of the Ecosystem – New England](#). NOAA/NEFSC
7. [2025 State of the Ecosystem – Mid-Atlantic](#). NOAA/NEFSC