



New England Fishery Management Council

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Joint Skate Committee and Advisory Panel Meeting

AGENDA

Thursday March 26, 2020

Fairfield Inn, 185 MacArthur Drive, New Bedford MA

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| 8:30 am | Introductions/approval of agenda |
| 8:45 | NEFMC Advisory Panel policies |
| 9:00 | Offshore wind energy updates |
| 9:40 | 2020 skate work priorities |
| 9:50 | 2019 skate fishery performance and outlook for 2020 |
| 10:15 | Amendment 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Recap development of amendment to date• Discuss use of NMFS social indicators of skate fishing communities• Discuss PDT work on Committee tasking• Potentially create a problem statement, refine goals/objectives and develop alternatives |
| 12:00 | Lunch |
| 1:00 | Amendment 5 cont. |
| 4:10 | 2020-2024 Council research priorities and data needs |
| 4:30 | Other business |
| 4:45 | Adjourn |

Due to the evolving coronavirus situation, the Council may decide to change this meeting to a webinar, possibly on short notice. The Council website and official Council communications are the best source for this information.

Skate Committee	
Rick Bellavance, RI	Laurie Nolan, MAFMC
Libby Etrie, MA (Vice Chair)	Scott Olszewski, RIDEM
Peter Kendall, NH	John Pappalardo, MA
Matthew McKenzie, CT (Chair)	Mike Ruccio, NMFS
Melanie Griffin, MADMF	
Skate Advisory Panel	
Greg Connors, MA	Gregory Mataronas, RI
Charlie Dodge, MA	William McCann, MA
James Dopkin, NJ	Randall Morgan, MD
Sonja Fordham, DC	Daniel Nordstrom, MA
Andrea Incollingo, RI	Ted Platz, RI
Jeff Kneebone, MA	John Whiteside, MA (Chair)
Scott MacAllister, MA	

Meeting Documents

1. Meeting/General information
 - a. Meeting agenda (this document)
 - b. Meeting memo from Skate Committee Chairman, Dr. Matthew McKenzie
 - c. Skate staff presentation
 - d. Timeline of skate work
 - e. AP Policy – Council Operations Handbook
 - f. Travel Guidelines – Effective October 1, 2019
2. Wind energy
 - a. Habitat staff presentation on wind energy updates
3. 2019 fishery performance and outlook for 2020
 - a. Updated landings data for FY2019
4. Amendment 5
 - a. PDT memo on A5 progress
 - b. NMFS notice of skate bait control date, July 30, 2009
 - c. NMFS notice of skate wing control date, March 31, 2014
 - d. PDT memo on fishery data
 - e. DRAFT Amendment 5 Affected Environment, Human Community subsection
5. Research priorities and data needs
 - a. PDT memo on research priorities and data needs
6. Meeting summaries
 - a. Skate Advisory Panel meeting summary, October 22, 2019
 - b. Skate Committee meeting summary, October 22, 2019
 - c. Skate PDT meeting summary, November 21, 2019
 - d. Skate PDT meeting summary, February 5, 2020
 - e. Skate PDT meeting summary, February 24, 2020
7. Correspondence/Other

Other documents related to Amendment 5 are at: <https://www.nefmc.org/library/amendment-5-3>.