



New England Fishery Management Council

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Monkfish Plan Development Team Meeting Agenda

Monday, February 28, 2022
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Webinar (recommended): <https://meet.goto.com/120034365>

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- 12:50 PM Log on to webinar and test audio**
- 1:00 Introductions/approval of agenda/other updates**
- 1:10 Overview of 2022 work priorities and timeline**
- 1:30 Planning for support of the 2022 Monkfish Management Track Assessment**
- Overview of likely assessment timing, scope, and data
- 1:50 Planning for Framework 13 to the Monkfish FMP**
- FY 2023-2025 specifications
 - Review ABC setting and flowchart
 - Consider potential modifications to the discard estimation methods
 - Develop background information on potential management measures (12-inch minimum mesh size for monkfish gillnets, requiring VMS for the federal fishery, measures to reduce discards in southern monkfish management area)
 - Review Action Plan
- 2:40 Planning for a performance report in conjunction with the Advisory Panel**
- Develop purpose, scope and content, including topics for the Advisory Panel to address.
- 3:20 2022-2026 Council Research Priorities and Data Needs**
- Develop updates from the 2021-2025 list related to monkfish
- 3:50 Other business and adjourn**

Meeting Documents - draft

1. Meeting/General information
 - a. Meeting agenda (this document)
 - b. Monkfish staff presentation
 - c. 2022 monkfish work priorities and draft timeline
2. NEFSC, 2020. Operational Assessment of the Black Sea Bass, Scup, Bluefish, and Monkfish Stocks Updated Through 2018. NEFSC Ref. Doc 20-01, 164p.
3. Framework 13
 - a. Draft PDT memo on Framework 13 specifications
 - b. Draft PDT memo on Framework 13 management measures
 - c. Draft action plan
4. O'Keefe, 2020. Evaluation of Methods to Estimate Monkfish Discards for Calculating Total Allowable Landings. Fishery Applications Consulting Team report to the New England Fishery Management Council, 32p.
5. Framework 12, with 2020-2022 specifications
6. Monkfish fishery performance report, draft outline
7. 2021-2025 Council Research Priorities and Data Needs, subset related to monkfish
8. Prior meeting summaries
 - a. Monkfish PDT, August 23, 2021
 - b. Monkfish Committee, September 9, 2021