



New England Fishery Management Council

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Monkfish Committee Meeting

Tuesday, August 30, 2022
1:00 - 5:00 PM

Monkfish Committee	
Elizabeth "Libby" Etrie, Chair	Scott Olszewski, RI DEM
Peter Hughes, Vice Chair	John Pappalardo
Pete Christopher, GARFO	Paul Risi
Dan Farnham	David Stormer, DE DNREC
Matt Gates, CT DEP	Alan Tracy
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Link to register for the webinar and access meeting materials:
<https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/aug-30-2022-monkfish-committee>

AGENDA

- 12:50 PM** **If joining remotely, log on to webinar and test audio**
- 1:00** **Introductions, approve agenda, and review timeline**
- 1:15** **Monkfish Advisory Panel Report (AP) of August 30 meeting**
- 1:30** **Monkfish Fishery Performance Report**
- Receive the revised draft, have any discussion before document is finalized.
- 2:00** **Framework Adjustment 13**
- Receive a progress update on developing 2023-2025 specifications and other management measures (regarding Days-At-Sea, possession limits, and gillnet mesh size).
 - Respond to questions in meeting cover memo (Document #1b) and make any further recommendations to the Committee on alternatives.
- 3:45** **Council priorities regarding monkfish**
- Develop recommendations for 2023 Council management priorities regarding monkfish. This could include an action to address the NOAA Fisheries *Draft Action Plan to Reduce Atlantic Sturgeon Bycatch in Federal Large Mesh Gillnet Fisheries*.
- 4:45** **Other business**
- 5:00** **Adjourn**

Meeting Documents

1. Meeting/General information
 - a. Meeting agenda (this document)
 - b. Meeting memo from Monkfish Committee Chair, Ms. Elizabeth Etrie
 - c. Monkfish staff presentation
 - d. Timeline of monkfish work, August 2022 update
2. Monkfish Fishery Performance Report, draft as of August 2022
3. Framework 13 discussion document, draft as of August 2022
4. NOAA Fisheries draft *Action Plan to Reduce Atlantic Sturgeon Bycatch in Federal Large Mesh Gillnet Fisheries*
5. Prior meeting summaries
 - a. Monkfish Advisory Panel, May 4, 2022
 - b. Monkfish PDT, May 12, 2022
 - c. Monkfish Committee, May 26, 2022
 - d. Monkfish PDT, June 21, 2022
 - e. Monkfish PDT, July 15 and 20, 2022
6. Correspondence/Other
 - a. NEFMC comments to NOAA on draft sturgeon action plan
 - b. Monkfish AP, August 30, 2022 draft motions