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**Skate Plan Development Team Meeting Agenda**

**Thursday, May 18, 2023**

**10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**Webinar**

<https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/may-18-2023-skate-plan-development-team-webinar>

Skate Plan Development Team	
Dr. Rachel Feeney (PDT Chair), NEFMC	Eric Schneider, RI DEM DMF
Connor Buckley, NEFMC	Katherine Sosebee, NEFSC/Pop. Dy.
Dr. Tobey Curtis, GARFO/HMS*	Samantha Werner, NEFSC/SSB
Cynthia Ferrio, GARFO/SFD	Kris Winiarski, GARFO/APSD
Ashleigh McCord, GARFO/NEPA*	
Danielle Palmer, GARFO/PRD*	*Others supporting the PDT

**10:00 AM**     **Introductions/approval of agenda/timeline/other updates**

**10:10**            **Thorny Skate Rebuilding White Paper**

- Review progress on including thorny skate landings and discards data
- Further develop white paper

**10:40**            **2024-2025 Skate Specifications Action**

- Review progress on analyses to support decisions on adjusting possession limits, including barndoor and smooth skate possession

**11:50**            **Other business**

**12:00 PM**     **Adjourn**

## Meeting Documents

1. Meeting/General information
  - a. Meeting agenda (this document)
  - b. Skate timeline, updated May 10, 2023
2. Thorny skate white paper – draft as of May 11, 2023
3. 2024-2025 Specifications Action
  - a. 2024-2025 Specifications Discussion Document – draft as of May 11, 2023
  - b. 2022-2023 Specifications Discussion Document – draft as of May 6, 2021 (*see Section 4.2.3 on possession limit performance, p. 10-14*)
4. Meeting Summaries
  - a. Skate AP, March 22, 2023
  - b. Skate Committee, March 22, 2023
  - c. Skate PDT, April 11, 2023
5. Correspondence
  - a. Letter from NEFMC to NEFSC re skate assessment, April 26, 2023