



## New England Fishery Management Council

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### Skate Advisory Panel Meeting Agenda

**Monday, June 12, 2023**

**1:00 – 5:00 PM**

**via webinar**

Skate Advisory Panel	
Jeff Kneebone, MA (Chair)	Gregory Mataronas, RI
James Dopkin, NJ	Randall Morgan, MD
Patrick Duckworth, RI	Daniel Nordstrom, RI
Sonja Fordham, DC	Ted Platz, RI
Andrea Incollingo, RI	John Whiteside, MA

**Link to register for the webinar and access meeting materials:**

<https://www.nefmc.org/calendar/jun-12-2023-skate-advisory-panel-webinar>

- 1:00 PM**     **Introductions, approve agenda, timeline and other updates**
- Receive update on 2023 skate assessment
- 1:20**     **Thorny skate white paper**
- Receive a progress update on developing a white paper about thorny skate biology, progress towards rebuilding, and potential management approaches.
  - Develop final recommendations to the Committee for the white paper, including next steps.
- 2:10**     **Skate possession limits**
- Receive recent work by the Plan Development Team on the performance of skate possession limits and fishery catch of barndoor and smooth skates.
  - Develop recommendations to the Committee on whether to develop alternatives that would adjust possession limits for fishing years 2024-2025. This could include revising the skate bait and wing possession limits, increasing the possession limit for barndoor skate, and/or allowing smooth skate possession.
- 4:50**     **Other business**
- 5:00**     **Adjourn**

## **Meeting Documents**

1. Meeting/General information
  - a. Meeting agenda (this document)
  - b. Meeting memo from Skate Committee Chair, Mr. Scott Olszewski
  - c. Skate staff presentation
  - d. Timeline of skate work - update as of May 31, 2023
2. Thorny Skate White Paper - draft as of June 5, 2023
3. 2024-2025 Skate Specifications Discussion Document - draft as of June 5, 2023
4. Meeting summaries
  - a. Skate AP, March 22, 2023
  - b. Skate Committee, March 22, 2023
  - c. Skate PDT, April 11, 2023
  - d. Skate PDT, May 18, 2023
  - e. Skate AP, June 12, 2023 – draft motions only
5. Correspondence/Other
  - a. NEFMC to NEFSC re skate assessment, April 26, 2023
  - b. NEFSC to NEFMC re skate assessment, May 18, 2023