



New England Fishery Management Council

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Joint Monkfish-Skate Advisory Panel Meeting Agenda **Tuesday, September 16, 2025** **10:30 AM - 4:30 PM** **Webinar**

Webinar (registration link): <https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/pGhAVNvhSXKybi7fhN4T3A>

Monkfish (M) and Skate (S) Advisory Panels	
Jeff Kneebone, MA (S Chair)	Linda Hunt, NH (M)
Gregory Mataronas, RI (M Chair, S)	Andrea Incollingo, RI (S)
Terry Alexander, ME (M)	Sam Martin, NJ (M)
Bonny Brady NY (M)	Randall Morgan, MD (M, S)
Aubrey Church, MA (M Vice-chair, S)	Daniel Nordstrom, RI (S)
James Dopkin, NJ (M, S)	Chris Rainone, NJ (M)
Patrick Duckworth, RI (M, S)	Lucas Raymond, NH (M)
Sonja Fordham, DC (S)	John Whiteside, MA (S)
Tim Froelich, NY (M)	

- 10:30** **Introductions, approve agenda, 2025 timeline and other updates**
- Review of 2025 Council priorities and timeline
 - General discussion on how both fisheries are performing in recent fishing years (concerns, feedback, etc.)
- 11:00** **Specifications Actions: Overfishing limits, Acceptable Biological Catch, associated specifications**
- Discuss 2025 NEFSC data updates, recommendations of the Scientific and Statistical Committee and associated specifications for monkfish and skates
 - Recommend final preferred alternatives to the Committee on:
 - Monkfish Framework 17 (Fishing Year (FY) 2026-2030 specifications).
 - Skate Specifications for FY 2026-2030
- 12:30** **Lunch**
- 1:00** **Specifications Actions continued: Effort controls**
- Review Joint Plan Development Team tasking on monkfish and skate fishery effort and overlaps.
 - Recommend final preferred alternatives to the Committee on monkfish and skate effort controls
- 2:30** **Alternative Gear Marking Framework**

- Receive an overview of and provide feedback on the Joint New England and Mid-Atlantic Council Alternative Gear-Marking Framework

3:15 Break

3:25 2026 Council work priorities related to monkfish and skates

- Overview of July 28th Monkfish Catch per Unit Effort meeting
- Overview of ongoing and planned Council work pertinent to monkfish and skates
- Discuss possible 2026 Council priorities

4:15 Other business

- Application for 2026-2028 AP term, due October 3

4:30 Adjourn

Meeting Documents (available at this [link](#))

1. Meeting/General information
 - a. Meeting agenda (this document)
 - b. Council staff presentation including timeline
 - c. Tasking memo from Monkfish and Skate Committee Chairs
2. Scientific and Statistical Committee meeting materials for [August 19, 2025](#), including NEFSC 2025 data updates for monkfish and skates, PDT memos to the SSC, and 2025 Risk Policy matrices
3. Monkfish Specifications Action
 - a. [SSC memo to NEFMC re Monkfish OFLs and ABCs, August 31, 2025](#)
 - b. Monkfish Framework Adjustment 17, draft
4. Skate Specifications Action
 - a. [SSC memo to NEFMC re Skate OFLs and ABCs, August 31, 2025](#)
 - b. Skate Specifications document, draft
5. Joint PDT analyses
 - a. Memo from Monkfish and Skate PDTs to Committees, [March 12, 2025](#)
 - b. Memo from Monkfish and Skate PDTs to Committees, September 9, 2025
6. Alternative Gear Marking Framework
 - a. Presentation, GARFO staff
 - b. Draft Alternative Gear-Marking Framework, September X, 2025 (*if available*)
 - c. Past meeting materials (available at this [link](#))
7. 2026 Council priorities
 - a. Progress updates on Inflation Reduction Act projects from Climate and Ecosystem Steering Committee meeting, [September 2, 2025](#)
 - b. Materials for Executive Committee deliberation on EO 14276, [September 4, 2025](#)
8. Meeting summaries
 - a. Joint Monkfish-Skate PDT meeting, [July 16, 2025](#)
 - b. Monkfish Catch per Unit Effort meeting, July 28, 2025
 - c. Skate PDT meeting, August 5, 2025
 - d. Monkfish PDT meeting, August 7, 2025
 - e. Joint Monkfish-Skate PDT meeting, August 21, 2025
9. [2026-2028 Advisory Panel membership](#)
10. Correspondence