



New England Fishery Management Council

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**Joint Monkfish-Skate Advisory Panel and Committee Meeting Agenda
Thursday, March 19, 2026
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

Webinar

Webinar: <https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/DvqwweXfRnyaV4DWEMUwDQ>

Monkfish (M) and Skate (S) Advisory Panels	
Jeff Kneebone, MA (S Chair)	Patrick Duckworth, RI (M, S)
Gregory Mataronas, RI (M Chair, S)	Andrea Incollingo, RI (S)
Bonnie Brady, NY (M)	Daniel Nordstrom, RI (S)
Aubrey Church, MA (M Vice-Chair, S)	Chris Rainone, NJ (M)
Argentina Conceicao, MA (S)	Robert Roberge, ME (M)
Sean Connors, MA (M, S)	Liam Sullivan, NH (M, S)
Josiah Dodge, MA (M, S)	John Whiteside, MA (S)
James Dopkin, NJ (M, S)	

Monkfish (M) and Skate (S) Committees	
Matt Gates, CT DEP (M Chair, S)	John Pappalardo (M, S)
Scott Olszewski, RI DEM (M, S Chair)	Ted Platz (M, S Vice-Chair)
Terry Alexander, ME (M, S)	Paul Risi, MAFMC (M)
Pete Christopher, GARFO (M)	Robert Ruhle, MAFMC (M Vice-Chair)
Joe Grist, MAFMC (S)	Kelly Whitmore, MADMF (M, S)
Eric Hansen (M, S)	Jake Wiscott, MAFMC (M)
Dr. Jay Hermsen, GARFO (S)	Lisa Wooleyhan, MAFMC (M)
Laurie Nolan, MAFMC (M)	

9:00 **Introductions, approve agenda**

9:05 **NEFMC Advisory Panel policies**

9:20 **2026 timeline and other updates**

- Review of 2026 Council priorities and timeline
- General discussion on how both fisheries are performing in recent fishing years (concerns, feedback, etc.) and outlook for Fishing Year 2026

- 9:45** **Summary of feedback on 2025 coordinated monkfish and skate efforts**
- Review summary report
 - Provide any additional feedback, comments
- 10:50** **Break**
- 11:00** **Draft scoping document for a potential Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) program**
- Review draft scoping document
 - Develop rationale for scoping for an IFQ program to include in scoping document
 - Provide any additional feedback, comments
- 12:45** **Other business**
- 1:00** **Adjourn**

Meeting Documents

1. Meeting/General information
 - a. Meeting agenda (this document)
 - b. Meeting memo from Monkfish and Skate Committee Chairs
 - c. Council staff presentation including timeline
 - d. NEFMC Advisory Panel Policies presentation
2. Monkfish and Skate 2025 Joint Management Summary Report – DRAFT
3. IFQ Scoping document – DRAFT
4. Joint Monkfish-Skate PDT meeting summary, February 2, 2026

Upcoming Meetings

- Council meetings
 - MAFMC, April 7-9 (New York, NY)
 - NEFMC, April 14-16 (Portland, ME)
- IFQ Scoping meetings (4-6:30pm)
 - April 27 (Portland, ME)
 - April 29 (New Bedford, MA)
 - April 30 (Riverhead, NY)
 - May 5 (Manahawkin, NJ)
 - May 11 (Webinar)
- Meetings to present scoping summary, recommend next steps
 - Joint Monkfish/Skate Plan Development Team, early June
 - Joint Monkfish/Skate AP/Committee meeting, early-mid June
 - NEFMC meeting June 23-25 (Mystic, CT)
 - MAFMC meeting August 10-13 (Philadelphia, PA)