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Joint Monkfish / Skate Plan Development Team Meeting Agenda

Thursday, August 21, 2025

1:00 - 4:00 PM

Webinar registration link: https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/S1HIE_tyRH2lxUaTw7uIOA

Monkfish (M) and Skate (S) Plan Development Teams	
Jenny Couture, NEFMC (Monkfish PDT Chair)	Dr. Chris Legault, NEFSC/ Pop. Dy. (M)
Dr. Rachel Feeney, NEFMC (Skate PDT Chair, M)	Ashleigh McCord, GARFO/NEPA (S*)
Sharon Benjamin, GARFO/NEPA (M*)	Danielle Palmer, GARFO/PRD (M*, S*)
Emily Bodell, NEFMC (S)	Matthew Rigdon, GARFO/SFD (S*)
Dr. Jason Boucher, NEFSC/ Pop. Dy. (S*)	Eric Schneider, RI DEM DMF (S)
Dr. Tobey Curtis, GARFO/HMS (S*)	Renee St. Amand, CT DEEP (M)
Laura Deighan, GARFO/SFD (S)	Spencer Talmage, GARFO/SFD (M)
Jason Didden, MAFMC (M)	Dr. Sara Turner, GARFO/APSD (M, S)
Tara Dolan, MADMF (M)	Samantha Werner, NEFSC/SSB (S)
Ben LaFreniere, MEDMR (M)	
* Others supporting the PDT	

- 12:50 PM** **Log on to webinar and test audio**
- 1:00** **Introductions/approval of agenda/timeline and other updates**
- 1:10** **Updates on Scientific and Statistical Committee recommendations for monkfish and skate specifications**
- 1:20** **Tasking from Joint Committee regarding data on fishery effort and overlaps**
 ○ Review outcomes of PDT work; identify any remaining work
- 2:00** **Develop recommendations for potential changes in effort controls (monkfish and skate possession limits and monkfish days-at-sea) to be included in:**
 ○ Monkfish Framework 17: Fishing Year (FY) 2026-2028 specifications and defaults for FY 2029 and 2030.
 ○ Skate Specifications: FY 2026-2027 and defaults for FY 2028-2030.

3:15 Document preparation

- Identify any remaining updates to prepare documents for the Monkfish and Skate Advisory Panels and Committees, and the New England and Mid-Atlantic Councils for final action.

3:50 Other business

4:00 Adjourn

Meeting Documents

1. Meeting/General information
 - a. Meeting agenda (this document)
 - b. Staff presentation including timeline
2. Joint Committee tasking
 - a. Draft memo, August 2025
 - b. [Joint PDT memo, March 2025](#)
3. Supplemental Information Reports (SIR)
 - a. Monkfish SIR (draft)
 - b. Skate SIR (draft)
4. NEFSC data updates
 - a. [NEFSC Monkfish data update – North](#)
 - b. [NEFSC Monkfish data update – South](#)
 - c. NEFSC Skate data update
5. SSC documents
 - a. Monkfish PDT memo to the SSC, August 12, 2025
 - b. Skate PDT memo to the SSC, August 12, 2025
6. Prior meeting summaries – posted [here](#)