



New England Fishery Management Council

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Skate Plan Development Team Webinar

Date: Friday, April 9, 2021
Time: 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Agenda:

The Skate Plan Development Team will meet to discuss:

- **Amendment 5 to the Northeast Skate Complex Fishery Management Plan**
 - Review the outcomes of the March 2021 Skate Advisory Panel and Committee meetings.
 - Briefly discuss potential next steps and tasking, pending the outcomes of the April 2021 Council meeting.
- **2022-2023 Specifications**
 - Discuss the development of Acceptable Biological Catch recommendations.
 - Develop background information to support this action.
- **Other Business**
 - Develop recommendations for any updates for the *2021-2025 NEFMC Research Priorities and Data Needs* relative to skates.

Online access:

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