



New England Fishery Management Council

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Skate Plan Development Team Webinar

Date: Monday, August 9, 2021

Time: 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Agenda:

The Skate Plan Development Team will meet to discuss:

2022-2023 Specifications

- Develop the affected environment and impact analyses to support this action.

Amendment 5 to the Northeast Skate Complex Fishery Management Plan

- Develop analysis of intermediate possession limit alternatives in this action.
- Develop PDT tasking from the Skate Committee on identifying realized coverage rates for two components of the skate fishery: trips declared into the monkfish fishery landing skate wings and trips declared out of fishery landing skate bait.

2022 Council Management Priorities

- Develop recommendations for 2022 Council work priorities regarding skates.

Other Business

- Progress towards data quality assurances.

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