



## New England Fishery Management Council

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### Skate Plan Development Team Webinar

**Date:** Tuesday, August 5, 2025

**Time:** 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

#### Agenda:

The Skate Plan Development Team (PDT) will meet to discuss:

- Fishing year (FY) 2024 year-end skate catch accounting.
- Outcomes of the Northeast Fisheries Science Center skate data update.
- FY 2026 – 2030 (defaults for 2028 - 2030) specifications for the Northeast Skate Complex.
  - Develop an overfishing limit and acceptable biological catch for the Scientific and Statistical Committee to consider that is based on the data update and application of the ABC control rule.
  - Prepare information to provide to the Scientific and Statistical Committee.
  - Plan for preparing the supplemental information report including specifications flow chart; preliminary discussion of effort controls.
- Other business as necessary.

**Online access:** This meeting will be broadcast online via Zoom. Preregistration is required.

Register here: <https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/9WdWNxBPQxSAGNoZykXLWA>

Use VoIP with a microphone and speakers for audio. A headset is recommended.

**Call in information:** After registering for the meeting you will be e-mailed webinar information, including a call-in number. Please note that this is not a toll-free number.

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Members of the public may attend PDT meetings or listen in if the meetings are broadcast but should not expect to participate unless the PDT chair invites input. Public comments and questions will not be taken during PDT conference calls.

PDTs are responsible to the Council and work on technical analyses as directed by their oversight committees. Once complete, PDT work products are reviewed at oversight committee meetings to which the public is invited. It is at this point that comments are encouraged on a range of issues, including PDT reports and recommendations, proposed management options or other information that is relevant to the committee's business at that time. The committee, in turn, makes management recommendations to the full Council based on the full suite of information it has available to it.