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Monkfish Plan Development Team Webinar

Date: Thursday, August 7, 2025

Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Agenda:

The Monkfish Plan Development Team (PDT) will meet to:

- Continue developing FY 2026-2028 specifications (FY 2029-2030 default specifications) for the Monkfish fishery
 - Review FY 2024 year-end monkfish catch accounting,
 - Review outcomes of the NEFSC data update for monkfish,
 - Develop overfishing limits and acceptable biological catches for northern and southern monkfish management areas for the Scientific and Statistical Committee to consider that is based on the data update and the revised Risk Policy Matrix,
 - Consider changes to monkfish days-at-sea and monkfish possession limits, and
- Discuss 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/ai0T-GBQSre-rvtAt65fRg>

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 but should not expect to participate unless the PDT chair invites input. Public comments and questions will only be taken at the discretion of the PDT chair.

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