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Joint Skate and Monkfish Plan Development Teams Webinar

Date: Thursday, August 21, 2025

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Agenda:

The Skate and Monkfish Plan Development Teams (PDT) will meet to:

- Discuss outcomes of the August 19 meeting of the Scientific and Statistical Committee regarding recommendations of overfishing limits and acceptable biological catches for monkfish and skates.
- Discuss outcomes of joint PDT work on identifying monkfish and skate fishery effort and overlaps.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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/S1HIE_tyRH2lxUaTw7uIOA

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.

The New England Fishery Management Council generally posts announcements of Plan Development Team (PDT) meetings on the Council's website, occasionally with very little notice. An agenda may or may not be included. Team members may discuss topics, if listed, in any order or add other issues not contained in the meeting notice.

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 question 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.