



## New England Fishery Management Council

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### MEETING NOTICE JOINT MONKFISH AND SKATE ADVISORY PANELS WEBINAR

**Date:** Tuesday, September 16, 2025

**Time:** 10:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

#### Agenda:

The Monkfish and Skate Advisory Panels (AP) will meet to discuss:

- **Specifications Actions**
  - Based on outcomes of the 2025 monkfish and skate data updates and recommendations of the Scientific and Statistical Committee, receive a progress update on developing overfishing limits, acceptable biological catches, and associated specifications.
  - Review Joint Plan Development Team tasking on monkfish and skate fishery effort and overlaps.
  - Recommend final preferred alternatives to the Councils on:
    - 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.
- **Alternative Gear-Marking Framework** – receive an overview of the Joint New England and Mid-Atlantic Councils' Alternative Gear-Marking Framework.
- **2026 Council Priorities** - Discuss Council priorities for monkfish and skate-related work in 2026.
- 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/pGhAVNvhSXXybi7fhN4T3A>. 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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### MEETING NOTICE JOINT MONKFISH AND SKATE COMMITTEES MEETING

**Date:** Wednesday, September 17, 2025

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Location:** Hampton Inn  
20 Hotel Drive  
South Kingstown, RI 02879  
Phone: (401) 788-3500

**Agenda:**

The Monkfish and Skate Committees will meet to discuss:

- Input from the Advisory Panels on the above agenda items.
- All topics listed above except for the gear-marking framework.

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If you would like written comments to be considered at these meetings, they must be received at the NEFMC office no later than 8 a.m. on **Friday, September 12, 2025**. Please address them to Council Acting Chair Daniel Salerno or Executive Director Cate O’Keefe. Email submissions should be sent to [comments@nefmc.org](mailto:comments@nefmc.org).

For information about meeting materials and detailed agenda, please consult the Council’s website at [www.nefmc.org](http://www.nefmc.org)

*These meetings will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.*

*This schedule is subject to change. If you have questions, please call the Council office.*

TA #: 25-102(AP); 25-103 (CTE)

cc: Skate Advisors, PDT and IPs, Monkfish Advisors, PDT and IPs, Council Members

Notice date: August 18, 2025