

**Joint Monkfish-Skate AP & Committee meeting - DRAFT**

**March 19, 2026**

**Motions & Consensus Statements**

***FEEDBACK ON JOINT MEETINGS***

**Joint AP Consensus Statement**

The Joint Monkfish/Skate AP accepts the 2025 Joint Management Summary Report, as revised today. The AP agrees with the sentiments conveyed in the report.

Statement was **tabled** until after the Committee discussion.

The Skate Committee Chair determined that motions on this topic were not necessary.

***IFQ SCOPING***

**Joint Committee Motion (Alexander/Hansen):**

The Committee recommends that the Council not approve the IFQ scoping document, and that the Council consider whether to discontinue IFQ scoping as a work priority in June.

*Rationale: This is a solution in search of a problem, and the problems with the monkfish and skate fisheries require different solutions. The AP members and public in attendance today did not show support for moving ahead with scoping.*

**Perfecting Joint Committee Motion (Alexander/Hansen):**

The Committee recommends that the New England and Mid-Atlantic Councils not approve the IFQ scoping document and discontinue the scoping process.

The motion carried unanimously with two abstentions.