

**Final Motions**  
**New England Fishery Management Council Meeting**  
**April 14-16, 2026**  
**Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland, ME**  
**Hybrid meeting with remote participants**

**Tuesday, April 14, 2026**

**Executive Order 14276**

1. Ms. Griffin moved and Mr. Smith seconded:  
that the Council adopts the Executive Committee’s recommendations for Executive Order 14276 *Restoring American Seafood Competitiveness* (as detailed in the March 30, 2026 Executive Committee Memo to the Council).

The motion *carried* with one abstention, Mr. Pentony.

**Monkfish and Skate Coordinated Committee Report**

2. Mr. Olszewski moved on behalf of the joint Monkfish and Skate Committee:  
to recommend that the Council not approve the IFQ scoping document and discontinue the scoping process.
- 2a. Mr. Olszewski moved to amend and Mr. Gates seconded:  
that the Council disapprove the IFQ Scoping Document and discontinue the 2026 Council Priority to “Scope for an IFQ Program for monkfish and/or skate wing fisheries”.

Yes: Mr. Alexander, Mr. Whelan, Mr. Dangelo, Mr. Smith, Mr. Platz, Mr. Pierdinock, Mr. Pappalardo, Mr. Olszewski, Ms. Griffin, Ms. Ware, Ms. Zobel, Mr. Lucey, Mr. Hansen, Ms. Odell, Ms. Brawn, Mr. Gates

No:

Abstain: Mr. Pentony

The motion to amend *carried* on a roll call vote with one abstention, Mr. Pentony (16/0/1).

- 2b. The main motion as amended:  
that the Council disapprove the IFQ Scoping Document and discontinue the 2026 Council Priority to “Scope for an IFQ Program for monkfish and/or skate wing fisheries”.

The main motion as amended *carried* with one abstention, Mr. Pentony.

3. Ms. Griffin moved and Mr. Platz seconded:  
that the Council approves the schedule of public meetings presented today to serve as listening sessions to inform future priorities in 2027 and beyond for the monkfish and skate fisheries.

Yes: Mr. Alexander, Mr. Whelan, Mr. Dangelo, Mr. Smith, Mr. Platz, Mr. Pierdinock,  
Mr. Pappalardo, Mr. Olszewski, Ms. Griffin, Ms. Ware, Ms. Zobel, Mr. Lucey, Mr.  
Hansen, Ms. Odell, Mr. Gates, Mr. Pentony

No: Ms. Brawn

Abstain:

The motion *carried* on a roll call vote (16/1/0).

### **Thursday, April 16, 2026**

#### **Other Business**

3. Mr. Lucey moved and Mr. Olszewski seconded:  
that the Council include in the groundfish action to be initiated in June (FW74), an alternative to modify the southern windowpane flounder accountability measure trigger so that the criteria for determining a reduction in the size of the AM implemented is the stock being rebuilt (i.e., when the stock is rebuilt, only the small AM area is applied), for both the groundfish fishery and large-mesh non-groundfish fisheries.

The motion *carried* on a show of hands (17/0/0).