



New England Fishery Management Council

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**AGENDA**  
**MONKFISH OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Hotel Providence, Providence, RI**

**May 29-30, 2013**

<b>Wed., 5/29</b> <b>10:00 am</b>	Introductions, review agenda and materials
<b>10:15</b>	Discussion and development of recommendations on the Monkfish Emergency Action addressing possession limits in the Northern Management Area
<b>11:15</b>	Overview and discussion of the 2013 Monkfish stock assessment update
<b>11:45</b>	Update on status of Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Report and recommendations for Allowable Biological Catch (ABC)
<b>12:00 pm</b>	Lunch
<b>1:00 pm</b>	Overview of Draft Biological Opinion on Atlantic sturgeon, and its implication for the monkfish FMP and actions currently in development
<b>1:30</b>	Presentation and discussion of the Plan Development Team (PDT) Report on its April 30 <sup>th</sup> meeting
<b>2:30</b>	Initial discussion of Framework 8: timeline, range of alternatives, including considerations in setting of Annual Catch Targets (ACT) and specification of DAS allocations and trip limits, and other measures for possible inclusion
<b>5:00</b>	Adjourn (day 2 agenda on following page)

<b>Thur., 5/30 8:30 am</b>	Continuation of previous day's discussion on Framework 8, <b>if needed</b> , finalize recommendations to the Councils
<b>10:30</b>	Discussion and continued development of recommendations on Amendment 6, including finalization of DAS leasing alternative and other modifications to the current DAS/trip limit management program
<b>12:00 pm</b>	Lunch
<b>1:00</b>	Continuation of Amendment 6 discussion, including possible removal of the ITQ alternative from further consideration
<b>3:00</b>	Consideration of modifications to the Research Set Aside (RSA) priorities, and development of a recommendation for approval by the Council
<b>3:30 pm</b>	<b>CLOSED SESSION</b> The Committee will go into a closed session to review applications for seats on the Monkish Advisory Panel, and make recommendations for approval by the NEFMC's Executive Committee
<b>5:00</b>	Adjourn

*This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities*