



New England Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 18, 2014
TO: Monkfish Advisory Panel and Oversight Committee
FROM: John Quinn, Monkfish Oversight Committee Chair
SUBJECT: August 25, 2014 Meeting Materials

1. Please review the enclosed materials for our meeting at the Embassy Suites, Philadelphia, PA. The package includes:
 1. Agenda
 2. Monkfish Fishery Status Update Presentation (to be provided)
 3. Draft Monkfish FMP Amendment 6 Alternatives Presentation (to be provided)
 4. Draft DAS, RSA and rejected alternatives for Amendment 6 dated August 12, 2014
 5. Draft Sector Management and ITQ alternatives for Amendment 6 dated May 24, 2013
 6. Memo from Phil Haring to Committee dated October 9, 2012
 7. Memo from Phil Haring to Committee dated November 20, 2012
 8. Committee meeting summary dated May 29, 2013
 9. Froelich proposal
 10. Platz/industry proposal
 11. 2014 Council priorities
 12. Correspondence
2. The Committee needs to determine which measures to further develop for the next monkfish action. The Monkfish Committee has been working on Amendment 6 since 2010. Amendment 6 was intended to implement catch shares (sectors or an ITQ) in the monkfish fishery. However, it has been modified to include DAS and landing limit measures and a monkfish DAS leasing program.
3. Other issues have been raised by industry, including reducing latent effort, restricting vessels to 1 area, integrating skates into the Monkfish FMP, and revising the RSA program, among others. The Committee may choose to develop these measures in the next monkfish action.
4. The Committee may wish to develop recommendations for Council priorities 2015. The draft priorities are enclosed.
5. Please contact me if you have any questions.



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AGENDA

**Joint Monkfish Advisory Panel and Oversight Committee Meeting
August 25, 2014**

**Embassy Suites
9000 Bartram Avenue
Philadelphia, PA 19453
Telephone: (215) 365-4500**

- 9:30 am Introductions/Approval of Agenda (Quinn)
- 9:45 am An overview of A6 and general issues (Christel)
- 10:15 am Discussion and continued development of recommendations on A6.
- 12:30 Lunch
- 1:30 pm Continuation of A6 discussion
- 3:00 pm Monkfish priorities for 2015
- 3:30 pm Other Business
- 4:00 Adjourn