

NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Skate Committee

I. STATUS

- A. Framework Adjustment 1: The final rule for Framework Adjustment 1, which changed the skate wing possession limits and the wing TAL trigger, became effective on May 17, 2011.
- B. Skate specifications: On April 12-13, 2011, the Scientific and Statistical Committee approved a calibration method for using the new survey data in Skate ABC calculations. The Skate PDT updated the survey and fishery data through 2010 to estimate ABC specifications for 2012-2013. The SSC is expected to approve the ABC specifications when it meets on June 14-15, 2011.
- C. Meetings: The Skate Oversight Committee meets on June 16, 2011. At the June Council meeting, the committee will recommend measures for the skate specification package that will be developed for Council approval in September.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. The Council should approve a range of specifications and alternatives to be included in a specifications package or initiate a framework adjustment.

III. INFORMATION

- 1. Updated stock assessment and fishery data
 - a. 2012-2013 Skate Complex Acceptable Catch Limit Recommendations
 - b. Updated fishery statistics
 - c. Preliminary skate wing possession limit analysis
- 2. Scientific and Statistical Committee approved ABC specifications and recommendations
(document under Tab 12)
- 3. Specification package advice from Skate PDT