

### 13. Skate (September 28-30, 2010)-M

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## Skate Information Sheet

### 1. Current management: Amendment 3 implemented on July 14 with:

**Table 1.** Revised (final rule) skate specifications for 2010 and 2011 fishing years.

ABC	41,080 mt (90.6 million lbs.)	Wing fishery possession limit	5,000 lbs. skate wings (11,350 lbs. whole weight)
ACT (75% of ABC)	30,810 mt (67.9million lbs.)	Wing fishery TAL trigger	80% of wing fishery TAL
TAL (assuming 53.7% discard rate -> 16,037 mt [35.4 million lbs.] dead discards)	14,772 mt (32.6 million lbs.)	Bait fishery possession limit with a Letter of Authorization	20,000 lbs. whole weight
State waters catch	924 mt	Bait fishery TAL trigger	90% of bait fishery TAL
Wing fishery TAL	9,209 mt (20.3 million lbs.)	Bait fishery quotas	
Bait fishery TAL	4,639 mt (10.2 million lbs.)	May 1 – Jul 31	1,429 mt
		Aug 1 – Oct 31	1,721 mt
		Nov 1 – Apr 30	1,489 mt + any remaining from periods 1 & 2

### 1. Landings

Time period – 2010 Possession limits	Skate wings, lbs. whole wgt.		Skate bait, lbs. whole wgt.	
	Total	Landings/day	Total	Landings/day
May 1 – July 16 20,000 lbs. wings; no limit bait	12,275,796	159,426	2,215,454	28,772
July 16 – September 3 5,000 lbs. wings; 20,000 lbs. bait	4,382,248	89,434	2,196,446	44,825
September 4 to September 10	267,408	38,201	335,390	47,913

500 lbs. wings; 20,000 lbs. bait				
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Amendment 3 called for the skate wing possession limit to be reduced to 500 lbs. when 80% of the skate wing TAL was landed.

**2. Discard estimate:**

- a. 2009 discard mortality estimated revised specifications for Amendment 3 were 49.6 million pounds based on the method used in SBRM amendment. The proportion of discards by gear type was estimated in 2009 as 89% trawl, 7% scallop dredge, 3% sink gill net, 1% longline, and <1% shrimp trawl.
- b. Discard mortality rate estimated to be 50% based on literature data.

**3. Are discards tracking under or over targets or can we tell?**

NMFS doesn't track skate discards in real time. 2010 discard will be estimated with SBRM procedures when data become available in spring 2011.

**4. Next Council action:**

Develop specifications in 2011 for 2012-2013. Includes setting ACLs and trip limits to meet ACLs.