



New England Fishery Management Council

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 9, 2014
TO: Skate Oversight Committee and Advisory Panel
FROM: Peter Kendall, Skate Oversight Committee Chair
SUBJECT: **Jt Advisory Panel and Committee meeting January 15, 2014**

1. Please review the attached material prior to our meeting in Portsmouth, NH on January 15. The package includes:
 - Agenda
 - Draft Framework Adjustment 2, dated January 9, 2014
 - Decision document
 - SSC report regarding Skate ABC and discard mortality rates, dated December 2, 2013
 - Correspondence
2. The major objective of this meeting is to discuss the proposed alternatives for Framework 2 and the associated impacts. The Committee may want to select Preferred Alternatives prior to the January 2014 Council meeting. The Council is scheduled to take final action on Framework 2 at the January Council meeting.
3. The Committee may want to discuss establishing a control date for the wing fishery. Following a lengthy discussion at the December 2013 Council meeting, limited access in the skate fishery was not selected as a priority for 2014.



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Meeting Agenda Joint Skate Advisory Panel and Committee Meeting

Wednesday, January 15, 2014

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| 9:30 | Opening remarks and agenda review |
| 9:45 | Framework 2 – Review of Impacts Analysis |
| 10:30 | Framework 2 – Discussion of measures. |
| 12:30 | Lunch |
| 1:30 | Framework 2 – Discussion continued. |
| 3:00 | Discussion of potential wing fishery control date |
| 3:30 | Other Business |
| 4:00 | Adjourn |