NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL

Skates

I. STATUS

- A. <u>Amendment 3 status</u>: A draft of Final Amendment 3 is in the binder. Details of the final alternative have been worked out with Regional Office staff and an analysis of impacts of the final alternative has been added to the document. The document is ready to be approved for submission if the recommended final alternative is approved.
- B. <u>Meetings</u>: The Oversight Committee met with the Advisory Panel to develop and recommend to the Council a final alternative for Amendment 3.

II. COUNCIL ACTION

- A. Approve the Final Alternative for Amendment 3 to the Skate FMP
- B. Review and comment on draft regulations for Amendment 3
- C. Approve the draft of Final Amendment 3 for submission
- D. Approve a control date for the skate bait fishery

III. INFORMATION

- 1. Final alternative decision document.
- 2. Draft of Final Alternative for Amendment 3.
- 3. Draft regulations for Amendment 3.
- 4. Draft of Final Amendment 3 (Appendices on CD)
- 5. Draft Oversight Committee meeting summary, February 19, 2009.