

## **NEW ENGLAND FISHERY MANAGEMENT COUNCIL**

### **Skate Committee**

#### **I. STATUS**

- A. Skate specifications: The Scientific and Statistical Committee met on September 16, 2013 to discuss updates to the Skate ABC and the use of revised discard mortality rate estimates for four of the seven skate species. Updates approved by the SSC will be used for 2014 – 2015 skate specifications. The Skate PDT updated the survey and fishery data through 2012 to estimate ABC specifications for 2014 – 2015.
- B. Meetings: The Skate Oversight Committee met on September 20, 2013.

#### **II. COUNCIL ACTION**

None

#### **III. INFORMATION**

1. Skate Specification Timeline
2. Updated Survey Indices