



## New England Fishery Management Council

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# REVISED NOTICE JOINT SKATE COMMITTEE AND ADVISORY PANEL MEETING IS NOW A WEBINAR

**Date:** Thursday, March 26, 2020  
**Time:** 8:30 a.m.  
**Location:** Webinar

### Agenda:

- **Amendment 5 to the Northeast Skate Complex Fishery Management Plan (limited access)** – recap development of Amendment 5 to date; discuss PDT memo on October 2019 tasking; develop recommendations on whether to continue work on Amendment 5; potentially clarify problem statement and goals; and potentially develop alternatives.
- **Skate Fishing Communities** – review PDT work on incorporating NMFS fishing community engagement and reliance indicators to how key skate fishing communities are identified in Council actions.
- **2020-2024 Council Research Priorities** – consider PDT recommendations for updates to research priorities.
- **Other business** may be discussed, as necessary.

If you would like your written comments to be considered at this meeting, they must be received at the NEFMC office no later than 8 a.m. on Tuesday, March 24, 2020. Please address them to Council Chairman Dr. John Quinn or Executive Director Tom Nies. Email submissions should be sent to [comments@nefmc.org](mailto:comments@nefmc.org).

### Call in information

Dial +1 (562) 247-8321

Access Code: 346-538-257

Please note that this is not a toll free number.

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### Online access:

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<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2000403482661750275>.

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### Public participation:

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*For information about meeting materials and detailed agenda, please consult the Council's website at [www.nefmc.org](http://www.nefmc.org).*

*These meetings will be recorded. Consistent with 16 USC 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.*

*This schedule is subject to change. If you have questions, please call the Council.*

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cc: Skate Advisors, PDT and IPs, Council Members

Notice date: March 17, 2020