



New England Fishery Management Council

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Monkfish Plan Development Team (PDT) Webinar

Date: Monday, February 28, 2022

Time: 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Agenda:

The Monkfish Plan Development Team will meet to:

- Plan 2022 monkfish work priorities:
 - 2022 monkfish assessment
 - Framework 13 to the Monkfish Fishery Management Plan
 - 2023-2025 Specifications
 - Potential management measures (12-inch minimum mesh size for monkfish gillnets, requiring VMS for the federal fishery, measures to reduce discards in southern monkfish management area).
 - Fishery performance report
- Recommend updates for the 2022-2026 Council Research Priorities and Data Needs related to monkfish
- Other business

Online access:

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Call in information:

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Members of the public may attend PDT meetings or listen in if the meetings are broadcast but should not expect to participate unless the PDT chair invites input. Public comments and question will not be taken during PDT conference calls

PDTs are responsible to the Council and work on technical analyses as directed by their oversight committees. Once complete, PDT work products are reviewed at oversight committee meetings to which the public is invited. It is at this point that comments are encouraged on a range of issues, including PDT reports and recommendations, proposed management options or other information that is relevant to the committee's business at that time. The committee, in turn, makes management recommendations to the full Council based on the full suite of information it has available to it.