



New England Fishery Management Council

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR ATLANTIC HERRING

The New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC) is conducting public hearings to solicit comments on Draft Amendment 5 to the Atlantic Herring Fishery Management Plan (FMP). These hearings are being scheduled in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Following these hearings, additional opportunities for review and comment on Amendment 5 and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) may be provided in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

<u>Date, City, and Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Friday, March 2, 2012 Rockport, Maine 9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Samoset Hotel 220 Warrenton Street, Rockport, ME 04856 Phone: (207) 594-2511
Wednesday, March 14, 2012 Gloucester, MA 7:00 – 9:00 pm	MA DMF Annisquam River Station 30 Emerson Avenue, Gloucester, MA 01930 Phone: (978) 282-0308
Thursday, March 15, 2012 Portsmouth, NH 7:00 – 9:00 pm	Sheraton Harborside Hotel 250 Market Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801 Phone: (603) 431-2300
Monday, March 19, 2012 Fairhaven, MA 7:00 – 9:00 pm	Seaport Inn 110 Middle Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719 Phone: (508) 997-1281
Wednesday, March 21, 2012 Portland, Maine 7:00 – 9:00 pm	Holiday Inn By the Bay 88 Spring Street, Portland, ME 04101 Phone: (207) 775-2311
Tuesday, March 27, 2012 Plymouth, Massachusetts 7:00 – 9:00 pm	Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor 180 Water Street, Plymouth MA 02360 Phone: (508) 747-4900
Wednesday, March 28, 2012 Warwick, RI 7:00 – 9:00 pm	Hilton Garden Inn One Thurber Street, Warwick, RI 02886 Phone: (401) 734-9600
Thursday, March 29, 2012 Cape May, New Jersey 7:00 – 9:00 pm	Congress Hall Hotel 251 Beach Avenue, Cape May, NJ 08204 Phone: (609) 884-8421

New England Council staff will brief the public on the herring amendment prior to opening the hearing for public comments. The NEFMC Draft Amendment 5 document is available on the Council's website (www.nefmc.org/herring/index.html), or may be obtained by contacting the Council office at (978) 465-0492. The public hearing document will be available before the hearings and will be posted on our website when available.

Written public comments must be received on or before 5 p.m. EST, Monday, April 9, 2012. Comments may be sent to Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, 50 Water Street, Mill #2, Newburyport, MA 01950 or emailed to: comments@nefmc.org (attention/subject line: "Comments on Draft Amendment 5").

Directions to the hearings are available by contacting the Council Office.

Notice Date: February 14, 2012