



New England Fishery Management Council

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR HABITAT

The New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC) is conducting public hearings to solicit comments on Draft Omnibus Habitat Amendment 2 including the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). The amendment will address habitat requirements for all NEFMC Fishery Management Plans. The hearings are being scheduled in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and will include opportunity for review and comment on the DEIS in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

<u>City and Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
Portsmouth, NH Monday, November 24, 2014 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Sheraton Harborside 250 Market Street Portsmouth, NH 03801 ; Phone: (603) 431-2300
Plymouth, Massachusetts Tuesday, November 25, 2014 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Radisson Hotel 180 Water Street Plymouth, MA 02360 ; Phone: (508) 747-4900
Warwick, Rhode Island Tuesday, December 2, 2014 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Radisson Airport Hotel 2081 Post Road Warwick, RI 02886 ; Phone: (401) 739-3000
Riverhead, New York Thursday, December 4, 2014 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	Hotel Indigo 1830 West Main Street, Route 25 Riverhead, NY 11901 ; Phone: (631) 369-2200
Cape May, New Jersey Friday, December 5, 2014 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Grand Hotel of Cape May 1045 Beach Avenue Cape May, NJ 08204 ; Phone: (609) 884-5611
Baltimore, Maryland Tuesday, December 9, 2014 10:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.	Royal Sonesta 550 Light Street Baltimore, MD 21202 ; Phone: (410) 234-0550
New Bedford, Massachusetts Tuesday, December 16, 2014 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Fairfield Inn & Suites 185 MacArthur Drive New Bedford, MA 02740 ; Phone: (774) 634-2000
Gloucester, Massachusetts Wednesday, December 17, 2014 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	MA DMF Annisquam Station 30 Emerson Avenue Gloucester, MA 01930 ; Phone: (978) 282-0308
Newport News, Virginia Thursday, December 18, 2014 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Hilton Garden Inn 180 Regal Way Newport News, VA 23602 ; Phone: (757) 947-1080
Webinar Monday, January 5, 2015 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Register to participate: https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/278328207 Call in info: Toll: +1 (646) 307-1706; Access Code: 911-628-108
Brewer, ME Tuesday, January 6, 2015 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Jeff's Catering and Event Center 15 Littlefield Road Brewer, ME 04412 ; Phone: (207) 989-1811
Portland, Maine Wednesday, January 7, 2015 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Holiday Inn by the Bay 88 Spring Street Portland, ME 04101 ; Phone: (207) 775-2311

New England Council staff will brief the public on the Habitat omnibus amendment before opening each hearing for public comments. The NEFMC Draft Habitat Omnibus Amendment 2 Environmental Impact Statement is available on the Council's website (<http://www.nefmc.org/library/omnibus-habitat-amendment-2>), or may be obtained by contacting the Council office at (978) 465-0492. The public hearing document, which provides a brief summary of the management alternatives and their impacts, will also be available before the hearings and will be posted on our website when available.

Written comments must be received on or before 5 p.m. EST, Thursday, January 8, 2015. Please note that this date reflects an extension of the comment period on the DEIS and the alternatives. Comments should be sent to John Bullard, Regional Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930 or emailed to: nmfs.gar.OA2.DEIS@noaa.gov (attention/subject line: "OA2 DEIS Comments").

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