



New England Fishery Management Council

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS DRAFT AMENDMENT 18 TO THE NORTHEAST MULTISPECIES FMP

The New England Fishery Management Council is conducting six public hearings to solicit comments regarding the range of alternatives under consideration in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Amendment 18 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The alternatives address establishing accumulation limits and other measures to promote fleet diversity. The hearings are being held by the Council in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

<u>Date and Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Portland, Maine Monday, August 3, 2015 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Holiday Inn by the Bay 88 Spring Street Portland, ME 04101 (207) 775-2311
Portsmouth, New Hampshire Tuesday, August 4, 2015 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Best Western Plus Wynwood Hotel & Suites 580 US Highway 1 Bypass Portsmouth, NH 03801 (603) 436-7600
New Bedford, Massachusetts Monday, August 10, 2015 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott 185 MacArthur Drive New Bedford, MA 02740 (774) 634-2000
Mystic, Connecticut Thursday, August 13, 2015 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Hyatt Place Hotel 224 Greenmanville Avenue Mystic, CT 06355 (860) 536-9997
Gloucester, Massachusetts Tuesday, August 18, 2015 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries Annisquam River Marine Fisheries Station 30 Emerson Ave Gloucester, MA 01930
Via Webinar Thursday, August 20, 2015 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Webinar Hearing Register to participate: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2899621437233775618 Call in info: Toll: +1 (702) 489-0003 Access Code: 211-601-302

Council staff will brief the public on Draft Amendment 18 before receiving comments on the amendment. Documents are available on the Council's website (<http://www.nefmc.org/library/amendment-18-information>) or may be obtained by contacting the Council office at (978) 465-0492.

Members of the public may submit oral and/or written comments at any public hearings or submit written comments directly to the National Marine Fisheries Service. Written comments must be received on or before 5 p.m. EST, Monday, August 31, 2015.

Written comments should be sent to:

John K. Bullard, Regional Administrator, Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298, Fax: 978-281-9135

Email: nmfs.gar.Amendment18@noaa.gov

Please note on your correspondence; “Comments on Groundfish Amendment 18.”

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

Cc: Council Members, Groundfish Interested Parties, Advisors, Recreational Advisors and PDT Members

Notice date: 7/17/15