



## New England Fishery Management Council

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### MEETING NOTICE Observer Policy Committee Meeting

**Date:** Thursday, April 16, 2015

**Time:** 9:30 a.m.

**Location:** Four Points by Sheraton (formerly Sheraton Colonial)  
One Audubon Road  
Wakefield, MA 01880  
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#### Agenda:

The Observer Committee will meet to:

- Review and discuss updated information and analyses for the draft Environmental Assessment for NMFS-led omnibus amendment to establish provisions for industry-funded monitoring (IFM) across all Council-managed fisheries;
- Consider additional options for industry-funded portside sampling and electronic monitoring (EM) in the Atlantic herring fishery, to be implemented immediately in the IFM amendment (versus a framework adjustment); develop Committee recommendations
- Review/discuss updated information related to herring/mackerel economic analysis in omnibus IFM amendment
- Discuss other elements of the IFM amendment and develop Committee recommendations
- Review a Draft Action Plan and timeline for completion of the IFM amendment

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**If you are submitting comments for consideration at this meeting they must be received at the Council office by 12 p.m. EST on Tuesday, April 14, 2015.**

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cc: Observer Policy, Herring, Groundfish, Scallop IPs, and Council Members

Notice date: Tuesday, March 24, 2015

**Directions:**

From North: I-95/128 South to Exit 43. The entrance to the hotel is located across the street from the exit ramp. Follow the driveway and pass the Colonial Center building on your left (where previous meetings of the RSC have been held). Drive down the hill and turn left at the rear of the hotel. Continue to the parking lot in the front of the building.

From South: I-95/128 North to Exit 43. Take left and proceed under overpass. Take the next left to hotel entrance. After passing the Colonial Center building on your left, follow the directions above.