



New England Fishery Management Council

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Meeting Notice Scallop Committee Meeting

Date: Thursday, May 28, 2015

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Location: Fairfield Inn & Suites
185 MacArthur Drive
New Bedford, MA 02740
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Agenda:

The Committee is meeting to discuss several issues:

- Review progress and make recommendations related to Amendment 19, which is considering measures to address timing issues that inhibit implementation of fishery specifications at the start of the scallop fishing year (March 1).
- Discuss an issue that has been raised at previous meetings related to scallop fishing space in near shore areas and issues of differential catch rates for general category and limited access vessels. The Council may have a workshop later this year to discuss these issues further.
- Review a draft action plan for Framework 27 that will consider fishery specifications for 2016 and default measures for 2017.
- Discuss final research priority recommendations for the 2016 Scallop Research Set-Aside announcement. All recommendations will be forwarded to the Council for its June 2015 meeting.

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, May 26, 2015.

For information about meeting materials and detailed agenda, please consult the Council's website at www.nefmc.org

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities.

This schedule is subject to change. If you have questions, please call the Council office.

Directions:

From the South – I-95 North to I-95 East. Take Exit 15 to merge onto MA 18 South. Turn left at Union Street. Turn right on MacArthur Drive.

From the North – I-95 South to I-93 South toward Boston. Take Exit 4 onto Route 24 South toward Brockton. Take Exit 12 onto Route 140 South towards New Bedford. Take Exit 2A to I-95 East towards Cape Cod. Take Exit 15 onto Route 18 South. Turn left at Union Street. Turn right onto MacArthur Drive.

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cc: Scallop Advisors, Council Members, PDT and IPs

Notice date: May 7, 2015