



## New England Fishery Management Council

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# NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

## AMENDMENT 22 to the NORTHEAST MULTISPECIES FISHERY MANAGEMENT PLAN

### Limited Access Alternatives for the Small-Mesh Multispecies Fishery

The New England Fishery Management Council is conducting five public hearings to solicit comments on the alternatives under consideration in Draft Amendment 22 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP). More specifically, the Council is seeking feedback from the public on which alternatives should be selected and why. These hearings are being held by the Council in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The Council plans to take final action on the amendment during its September 2018 meeting in Plymouth, MA.

<b>Thursday, July 19, 2018 from 4-6 p.m.</b>	<b>Gloucester, MA</b> MA Division of Marine Fisheries Annisquam River Marine Fisheries Station 30 Emerson Avenue Gloucester, MA 01930
<b>Monday, July 23, 2018 from 7-9 p.m.</b>	<b>Tinton Falls, NJ</b> DoubleTree by Hilton 700 Hope Drive Tinton Falls, NJ 07244
<b>Tuesday, July 24, 2018 from 5-7 p.m.</b>	<b>Montauk, NY</b> Montauk Playhouse Community Center Foundation, Inc. 240 Edgemere St. Montauk, NY 11954
<b>Wednesday, July 25, 2018 from 7-9 p.m.</b>	<b>Warwick, RI</b> Hampton Inn & Suites 2100 Post Road Warwick, RI 02886
<b>Thursday, July 26, 2018 from 7-9 p.m.</b>	<b>New Bedford, MA</b> Fairfield Inn & Suites 185 MacArthur Drive New Bedford, MA 02740

During each hearing, Council staff will brief the public on the draft amendment before receiving comments. The hearings will begin promptly at the time indicated above. If all attendees who wish to do so have provided their comments prior to the end time indicated, the hearing may conclude early. To the extent possible, the Council may extend hearings beyond the end time indicated above to accommodate all attendees who wish to speak.

Documents, including the draft amendment and a public hearing document, will be posted on the Council's website at <https://www.nefmc.org/library/amendment-22>. For questions, contact the Council office at (978) 465-0492.

Written comments must be received on or before 5 p.m. EST, **Monday, August 6, 2018**. Comments should be sent to Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill #2, Newburyport, MA 01950; Fax: (978) 465-3116 or via email to [comments@nefmc.org](mailto:comments@nefmc.org). Please note on your correspondence; “DEIS for Amendment 22 to the Northeast Multispecies FMP.”

*These meetings will be recorded. Consistent with 16 USC 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request. These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities.*

**Directions:** Please contact the Council office for directions to the above meetings.

cc: Council Members; Whiting AP, PDT and Interested Parties, Groundfish AP, PDT and Interested Parties  
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