



New England Fishery Management Council

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MEETING NOTICE
RESEARCH STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Wednesday, December 3, 2014
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Hotel Providence
139 Mathewson Street
Providence, RI 02903
Phone: (401) 861-8000; Fax: (401) 454-4306

Agenda:

The Committee will:

- a) review the final report for the cooperative research project "Large Mesh [Belly] Panel in Small Mesh Fisheries as a Method to Reduce Yellowtail Flounder Bycatch in Southeast Georges Bank.";
- b) review the draft report on the use of Large Mesh Belly Panel to Reduce Yellowtail Flounder and Windowpane Flounder Bycatch in the small mesh fishery on Cultivator Shoal and
- c) discuss possible improvements to the research set-aside process.

The Committee also may receive an update on the Council-funded collaborative groundfish research project managed by the Northeast Consortium. Other agenda items may also be discussed.

Note: If you are submitting comments for Council consideration at this meeting, they must be received at the office by 12 p.m. EST on Monday, December 1, 2014.

Directions:

From I-95 North or South - Take Exit 22A Downtown – Memorial Boulevard. Drive straight on Memorial Boulevard through four traffic lights. At the 5th traffic light, turn right on Westminster Street. Follow Westminster Street to the corner of Mathewson Street. Turn right on Mathewson Street for valet parking.

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Parking: The Hotel provides hotel guests Valet parking at an overnight rate of **\$28.00**. Attendees not staying overnight will be charged a **\$12.00** Valet parking fee per day.

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cc: Research Steering Interested Parties, Council Members
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