



## New England Fishery Management Council

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### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS HERRING AMENDMENT 8

The New England Fishery Management Council is conducting seven public hearings to solicit comments on the alternatives under consideration in Draft Amendment 8 to the Atlantic Herring Fishery Management Plan. 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>Tuesday, May 22, 2018 from 6-8 p.m.</b>	<b>Narragansett, RI</b> URI, Narragansett, RI Graduate School of Oceanography Coastal Institute Bldg. Hazard Room 215 S. Ferry Road Narragansett, RI 02882
<b>Thursday, May 24, 2018 from 6-8 p.m.</b>	<b>Rockport, ME</b> Samoset 220 Warrenton Street Rockport, ME 04856
<b>Wednesday, May 30, 2018 from 6- 8 p.m.</b>	<b>Gloucester, MA</b> Beauport Hotel 55 Commercial Street Gloucester MA 01930
<b>June 5, 2018 from 4-5 p.m.</b> <b>(immediately following the MAFMC Council Meeting)</b>	<b>Philadelphia, PA</b> DoubleTree by Hilton 237 South Broad Street Philadelphia, PA 19107
<b>Tuesday, June 12, 2018 from 4-6 p.m.</b> <b>(immediately following the NEFMC Council meeting)</b>	<b>Portland, ME</b> Holiday Inn by the Bay 88 Spring Street Portland, ME 04101
<b>Tuesday, June 19, 2018 from 6-8 p.m.</b>	<b>Chatham, MA</b> Chatham Community Center 702 Main Street Chatham, MA 02633
<b>Wednesday, June 20, 2018 from 2-4 p.m.</b>	<b>Webinar Hearing</b> Register to participate - <a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6985865165132506115">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6985865165132506115</a> Call in information: +1 (415) 930-5321 Access Code: 346-818-026

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.

*More info on back*

Documents will be posted on the Council's website <https://www.nefmc.org/library/amendment-8-2>. For questions, contact the office at (978) 465-0492.

Members of the public may submit oral and/or written comments at any of the public hearings or submit written comments directly to the Council. Written comments must be received on or before close of business, Monday, June 25, 2018. Please note on your correspondence "DEIS for Amendment 8 to the Atlantic Herring FMP". Written comments received on or before Monday, June 25, 2018 at close of business, as well as comments provided at the hearings, will be reviewed by the Council's Herring Committee and full Council at subsequent meetings.

Written comments should be sent to:

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Email: [comments@nefmc.org](mailto:comments@nefmc.org)

#### *Webinar registration*

To register for the webinar hearing on June 20, please go to the following link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6985865165132506115>. Advance registration is encouraged but not required. To provide a high-quality experience for all attendees, if you plan to call in to the webinar via telephone and wish to ask questions or provide testimony, you must use an audio pin. To get an audio pin, which will be unique to you, register via the link above, and log in to the webinar through the GoToWebinar application on a computer or mobile device. Once you are logged in, the audio pin will be shown on the display. The audio pin will allow you to raise your hand to ask a question or provide testimony. The audio pin allows staff to call on attendees individually and unmute participants one at a time to ask a question or provide a comment. If you call in without an audio pin, you will be in listen-only mode for the duration of the webinar. Alternatively, you may use a microphone and speakers on your computer or mobile device to participate. The phone number for the webinar is (415) 930-5321 and the access code is 346-818-026.

*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; Herring Committee, Advisory Panel, Plan Development Team, and Interested Parties  
Notice date: May 1, 2018