



New England Fishery Management Council

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Fishery Management Councils to Meet May 15-18 in Gloucester

Leadership teams from the nation's eight regional fishery management councils will be gathering in Gloucester, MA for the spring 2017 Council Coordination Committee (CCC) meeting.

The CCC is comprised of the chairs, vice chairs, and executive directors of the New England, Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic, Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, Pacific, Western Pacific, and North Pacific Fishery Management Councils. CCC chairmanship rotates annually among the eight Councils.

The committee meets twice each year to discuss issues relevant to all fishery management councils. The National Marine Fisheries Service – often called NOAA Fisheries – annually hosts the first meeting, which for 2017 was held Feb. 28-March 1 in Arlington, VA. The New England Council is serving as this year's CCC chair and will be hosting the May 15-18 spring meeting at the Beauport Hotel on the Gloucester Harbor waterfront. The public is welcome to attend.



Principal agenda items will be discussed Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, May 16-18, beginning at 8:30 a.m. each day. The eight Councils will take part in a Round Robin on Tuesday morning. Council deputy directors will meet concurrently and report to the full CCC on Thursday, May 18. Copies of the agenda will be available shortly. Hotel information can be found at <http://www.beauporthotel.com>.

AGENDA ITEMS

Among other topics, the CCC is scheduled to cover:

- National Standard 1 Guidelines, National Marine Monuments and Sanctuaries, Capitol Hill legislation, and budget issues;
- Science, habitat, recreational fishing, legal, and enforcement updates/overviews; and
- Fishery independent data funding, electronic monitoring, and 2017 priorities.

Visit the NOAA Fisheries, New England Council, and U.S. Regional Fishery Management Councils CCC webpages respectively at:

- <http://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/sfa/management/councils/ccc/ccc.htm>
- <http://www.nefmc.org/calendar/may-15-18-2017-ccc-meeting-hosted-by-nefmc>
- <http://www.fisherycouncils.org/ccc-meetings/>

The meeting notice is available at <https://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2017-05-02/pdf/2017-08825.pdf>.