



## New England Fishery Management Council

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### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC LISTENING SESSIONS FOR THE RECREATIONAL NORTHEAST MULTISPECIES (GROUND FISH) PARTY AND CHARTER FISHERY**

The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) may develop an amendment to the Northeast Multispecies (Groundfish) Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The Council, its Recreational Advisory Panel, Groundfish Committee, and Groundfish Plan Development Team held preliminary public discussions on a possible limited access program for the recreational party and charter fishery. The Council is seeking public input on the possibility of developing a limited access program for the recreational groundfish party and charter fishery. After information is gathered through the listening sessions, the Groundfish Committee will consider possibly recommending to the Council an initiation of an amendment, with input from the Recreational Advisory Panel and Groundfish Plan Development Team, through a series of public meetings during 2019.

#### Date and Time

#### Location

<b>Thursday, April 4, 2019</b> <b>5:45 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.</b>	Seabrook Public Library, 25 Liberty Lane, Seabrook, New Hampshire, Telephone: (603) 474-2044
<b>Monday, April 8, 2019</b> <b>6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.</b>	Icona Golden Inn, 7849 Dune Drive, Avalon, New Jersey Telephone: (609) 368-5155 (same location the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council Meeting is being held)
<b>Thursday, April 18, 2019</b> <b>5:45 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.</b>	Wells Public Library, 1434 Post Road, Wells, Maine Telephone: (207) 646-8181
<b>Tuesday, April 23, 2019</b> <b>6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.</b>	Corless Auditorium, University of Rhode Island, Graduate School of Oceanography, 215 South Ferry Road, Narragansett, RI Telephone: (401) 874-6222
<b>Tuesday, May 7, 2019</b> <b>6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.</b>	Chatham Community Center, 702 Main Street, Chatham, Massachusetts Telephone: (508) 945-5175
<b>Wednesday, May 8, 2019</b> <b>6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.</b>	Hampton Inn, 10 Plaza Way, Plymouth, Massachusetts Telephone: (508) 747-5000
<b>Thursday, May 9, 2019</b> <b>5:45 p.m. – 7:45 p.m.</b>	Sawyer Free Library, 2 Dale Avenue, Gloucester, Massachusetts Telephone: (978) 281-9763
<b>Friday, May 10, 2019</b> <b>1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.</b>	Webinar Session Register to participate: <a href="https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8873736532644639746">https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8873736532644639746</a> Call in info: +1 (213) 929-4232 Access Code: 494-243-526

Background documents are available on the Council’s website at <https://www.nefmc.org/library/limited-access-listening-sessions-for-recreational-fisheries> or may be obtained by contacting the Council office at (978) 465-0492.

Members of the public may submit oral and/or written comments at any public hearings or submit written comments directly to the New England Fishery Management Council. Written comments must be received on or before 5 p.m. EST, Friday, May 17, 2019.

Written comments should be sent to:

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50 Water Street, Mill 2,  
Newburyport, MA 01950;  
Fax (978) 465–3116.  
Email: [comments@nefmc.org](mailto:comments@nefmc.org)

Please note on your correspondence; “Listening Sessions for the Recreational Northeast Multispecies (Groundfish) Party and Charter Fishery”.

**Directions:**

Please contact the Council office for directions to the above meetings.

cc: Council Members, GF IPs, Advisors and PDT members  
Notice date: March 8, 2019