



New England Fishery Management Council

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**NOTICE OF ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEARING (WEBINAR)  
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 an additional webinar during an extended 30-day comment period 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. This webinar is 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 December 2018 meeting in Newport, RI.

<p><b><u>ADDITIONAL MEETING</u></b> <b>Webinar</b> <b>Wednesday, November 14, 2018</b> <b>3:00-5:00 p.m.</b></p>	<p>Please join my meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone. <a href="https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/843126117">https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/843126117</a>  You can also dial in using your phone (not a toll free number). United States: +1 (872) 240-3311; Access Code: 843-126-117</p>
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Due to an error in a qualification summary table on Page 4 of the original public hearing document and in Draft Amendment 22, the Draft Amendment written comment period has been extended for an additional 30 days, closing on November 23, 2018. The Council will also hold a webinar at 3 pm on November 14, 2018 to explain the discrepancy and accept additional oral comment. Other than this correction, there have been no other changes to Draft Amendment 22. The analysis in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) was correct.

During the webinar, Council staff will brief the public on the draft amendment and corrections made to the documents before receiving comments. The webinar 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 webinar may conclude early. To the extent possible, the Council may extend the webinar 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 before 5 p.m. EST, **Friday, November 23, 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.”

*This meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 USC 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.*

cc: Council Members; Whiting AP, PDT and Interested Parties, Groundfish AP, PDT and Interested Parties  
Notice date: October 25, 2018