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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public hearings.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold six public hearings and one webinar to solicit Public comments on Draft Amendment 8 to the Atlantic Herring Fishery Management Plan (FMP).

**DATES:** Written Public comments must be received on or before 5 p.m. EST, June 25, 2018. The meetings will be held between May 22 and June 20, 2018. For specific dates and times, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** The hearing documents are accessible electronically via the internet <https://www.nefmc.org/library/amendment-8-2> or by request to Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director. New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

*Meeting addresses:* The meetings will be held in Narragansett, RI; Rockport, ME; Gloucester, MA; Philadelphia, PA; Portland, ME and Chatham, MA. For specific locations, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

Public comments: Mail to NEFMC, New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950. Mark the outside of the envelope “DEIS for Amendment 8 to the Atlantic Herring FMP”. Comments may also be sent via fax to 978-465-3116 or submitted via e-mail to *comments@nefmc.org* with “DEIS for Amendment 8 to the Atlantic Herring FMP” in the subject line.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Agenda**

The agenda for the following six hearings is as follows: NEMFC staff will brief the public on the herring amendments and the contents of the DEIS prior to opening the hearing for public comments and the schedule is as follows:

Public Hearings: Locations, Schedules, and Agendas

1. *Tuesday, May 22, 2018 from 6 - 8 p.m.*; University of Rhode Island, 215 S. Ferry Road, Narragansett, RI 02882; phone: (401) 423-1943.
2. *Thursday, May 24, 2018 from 6 - 8 p.m.*; Samoset Hotel, 220 Warrenton Street, Rockport, ME 04856; phone: (207) 594-2511.
3. *Wednesday, May 30, 2018 from 6 - 8 p.m.*; Beauport Hotel; 55 Commercial Street, Gloucester, MA; phone: (978) 282-0008.
4. *Tuesday, June 5, 2018 from 4 – 5 p.m.*; DoubleTree by Hilton, 237 South Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19107; phone: (215) 893-1600.
5. *Tuesday, June 12, 2018 from 4 - 6 p.m.*; Holiday Inn By the Bay, 88 Spring Street, Portland, ME 04101; phone: (207) 775-2311.

6. *Tuesday, June 19, 2018 from 6 - 8 p.m.*; Chatham Community Center, 702 Main Street, Chatham, MA 02633; phone: (508) 945-5159.

7. *Wednesday, June 20, 2018 from 2 - 4 p.m.* – Webinar Registration - <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6985865165132506115>.

Call in information: (415) 930-5321; Access Code: 346-818-026.

Additional information on the review is available on the Council website, [www.nefmc.org](http://www.nefmc.org). The public also should be aware that the hearings will be recorded.

Consistent with 16 USC 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

### **Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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