



New England Fishery Management Council

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Meeting Notice

JOINT VMS/ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE AND ADVISORY PANEL MEETING

Date: Thursday, June 12, 2014
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott
185 MacArthur Drive
New Bedford, MA 02740
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Agenda Items:

The VMS/Enforcement Committee and Advisory Panel will meet to discuss:

- Alternatives under consideration in Omnibus Essential Fish Habitat Amendment 2 and provide recommendations regarding their enforceability. Habitat Amendment alternatives include year-round and seasonal areas intended to conserve essential fish habitats (EFH), protect groundfish spawning, and facilitate research, with various gear restrictions according to the area's purpose.
- Discussion and preparation of a letter commenting on the proposed rule regarding gear stowage, and specifically to comment on the yellow mesh requirement in addition to requiring orange mesh in the additional measures.
- Other business may be discussed as necessary

Please note ~ if you are submitting comments for Committee and panel's consideration at this meeting, they must be received at the Council office by 12 p.m. EST on **Tuesday, June 10, 2014.**

*This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities.
This schedule is subject to change. If you have questions, please call the Council office
for final confirmation of meeting times, dates and locations.*

Directions:

From the South - I-95 North to I-195 East. Take Exit 15 to merge onto MA 18 South. Turn left at Union Street. Turn right onto MacArthur Drive.

From the North - I-95 South to I-93 South toward Boston. Take Exit 4 onto Route 24 South toward Brockton. Take Exit 12 onto Route 140 South towards New Bedford. Take Exit 2A to I-195 East towards Cape Cod. Take Exit 15 onto Route 18 South. Turn left at Union Street. Turn right onto MacArthur Drive.

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cc: Council Members, VMS/Enforcement and Habitat IPs

Notice date: Wednesday, May 21, 2014