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***Requested Information from the Public When
Submitting Oral and Written Statements***

In order to better evaluate public comments in both written and oral form, but particularly at Council meetings during decision-making, the NEFMC requests that individuals who speak on behalf of institutions or organizations provide more detailed but brief information before speaking on the record.

Details that would be particularly informative:

1. Interest in the fishery: for example, identify whether the group's interest is in the harvesting and/or processing sector, shore-side support, environmental or fishing community advocacy, or other
2. Number of members and/or fishing permit holders in the organization
3. If the speaker is representing an organization, whether s/he is speaking on behalf of the organization or as an individual
4. Whether the comments provided by the representative reflect a position that has been formally adopted by the organization

The Council hopes this background information will create greater transparency at public meetings and enhance Council decision-making.

Forms are available from the Council office for those who wish to provide this information in advance of Council meetings so they may be kept on file and distributed to members prior to its meetings. Statements kept on file will replace the Council's request for more detailed information during meetings.

See reverse side to complete form.

Please complete and return to Karen Roy at the secretaries table:

1. What is the name of your group and its interest in the fishery: for example, identify whether your group's interest is in the harvesting and/or processing sector, shore-side support, environmental or fishing community advocacy, or other.

2. How many members and/or fishing permit holders are in the organization?

3. Are you speaking on the record on behalf of the organization or as an individual? _____

4. Do your comments reflect a position that has been formally adopted by your organization? _____