



New England Fishery Management Council

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Public Listening Session **New England Fishery Management Council Meeting** **Tuesday, June 19, 2012, 5:00 to 5:45 p.m.** **Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring Street Portland, ME 04101**

The Council will hold an informal question and answer period in conjunction with its June 19-21 meeting in Portland, ME. Tuesday's 45-minute session, which will be open to the public, is an opportunity to comment on items relevant to Council business but not listed on this agenda, or to ask questions of the Council itself. This listening session is not intended to be used for nor will it replace the public's opportunity to make comments during consideration of any actions scheduled for a Council vote at this meeting.

NEFMC Chairman Rip Cunningham will preside over the listening session, in addition to the rest of the meeting. You may attend in person, or if you are listening via webinar, you may participate by typing your question, name and affiliation in the "questions" box. They will be projected on a screen for Council members as well as the audience in the meeting room. Feel free to send your message prior to the 5:00 p.m. start time of the listening session.

Typed questions should be brief so that they may be easily transmitted. They also may or may not be provided to Council members in the same order they are received, so please be patient. Actual exchanges between on-line participants and Council members are not feasible.

Questions that are very detailed or specific to an individual situation should be addressed in a call to the Council office during the staff's Monday – Friday work week or in written correspondence, including email. Send these to Pat Fiorelli, pfiorelli@nefmc.org.

Participants will have a chance to address many topics, but those related to policy, Council timelines, future actions, suggestions for better communications with stakeholders, meeting schedules and/or issues that have been overlooked to date, may best suit the listening session format. The New England Council welcomes your participation.

- **For online access to the meeting, please register by clicking the "Register Now" link below.**
- **A detailed agenda and meeting materials are available on the NEFMC website, www.nefmc.org.**
- **If you have any questions, feel free to call the Council office at (978-465-0492, ext. 102).**
- **If you have already registered for the webinar, there is no need to re-register for the listening session.**

The webinar for this Council meeting will be held daily, from June 19, 2012 to June 21, 2012, 8:30 a.m. – approximately 6:00 p.m., EDT.

Register now at <https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/607595919>. Once registered you will receive an email confirming your registration with the information you will need to join the webinar.