



## New England Fishery Management Council

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### **Public Listening Session at the New England Fishery Management Council Meeting Tuesday, September 25, 2012 – 4:15 to 5:15 p.m. Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor, Plymouth, MA**

The Council will hold an informal question and answer period at its September 25-27 meeting in Plymouth, MA. Tuesday's hour-long session, is an opportunity to meet the new NMFS Regional Administrator, John Bullard, listen to what he has been hearing during his visits to coastal communities in the Northeast and ask questions. In addition to stakeholders and interested parties to the public is invited to participate in this session.

This time on the Council agenda is not intended to be used for nor will it replace the public's opportunity to make comments during consideration of any action item that is scheduled for a Council vote at the September 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 in a question that the staff will forward on to the Council. Please include your name and affiliation in both cases.

Typed questions should be brief so that they may be easily transmitted to the Council. They may or may not be provided to Council members in the same order they are received, so please be patient. You may type in questions about an hour prior to the listening session. Verbal exchanges between on-line participants and the Council are not feasible at this time.

Although he has been part of the fisheries management process for many years, this is Mr. Bullard's first Council meeting since being named Regional Administrator. The Council welcomes him and encourages your participation.

- **For online access to the meeting, please register by clicking the "Register Now" link below.**
- **For information about the agenda and meeting materials consult the Council's website at [http://www.nefmc.org/press/council\\_discussion\\_docs/Publish/Sept2012.html](http://www.nefmc.org/press/council_discussion_docs/Publish/Sept2012.html).**
- **If you have any questions, feel free to call the Council office at (978-465-0492, ext. 100).**
- **If you have already registered for the webinar, there is no need to re-register for the listening session.**

**The meeting webinar will be held daily, from Sept. 25, 2012 to Sept. 27, 2012; 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., EDT. Register now at <https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/423548903>. Once registered you will receive an email confirming your registration with the information you will need to join the webinar.**