



ASMFC and MAFMC Public Hearing on the Bluefish Allocation and Rebuilding Amendment: March 30, 2021, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (Commission) and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) have scheduled a virtual public hearing for Connecticut and New York on **Tuesday, March 30, 2021 6:00 – 8:00 PM** to gather public input on the joint Bluefish Allocation and Rebuilding Amendment. This amendment contains alternatives to:

- Revise the fishery management plan (FMP) goals and objectives;
- Modify the bluefish allocations between the commercial and recreational sectors;
- Modify the commercial allocations to the states;
- Initiate a rebuilding plan;
- Revise the quota transfer processes;
- Revise how the FMP accounts for management uncertainty; and
- Revise the de minimis provisions in the Commission's FMP.

A quick reference guide has been developed to provide an overview of alternatives under consideration in the amendment. Click here for the [Quick Reference Guide](#).

To register for a public hearing please click here: [Public Hearing Registration](#) and select the hearing(s) you plan to attend from the dropdown menu. Hearings will be held via GoToWebinar, which can be accessed using a computer, tablet, or smartphone. When connecting to audio, we strongly encourage participants to use computer voice over internet (VoIP) so you can ask questions and provide input. To attend the webinar in listen only mode, dial 1-866-901-6455 and enter access code 140-544-592. Those joining by phone only will be limited to listening to the presentation and will not be able to provide input. If you are connected only by phone in listen only mode, you will not show up as a webinar attendee. In the event that there are no webinar attendees, the public hearing will be cancelled unless state staff request that the hearing content is presented. For technical assistance setting up and logging into GoToWebinar, contact Dustin Colson Leaning at 703-842-0714.

Comments may be submitted at the virtual public hearing or via written comment until April 23, 2021. Written comments may be sent by any of the following methods:

- Online at <https://www.mafmc.org/comments/bluefish-allocation-rebuilding-amendment>
- email to the following address: mseeley@mafmc.org
- Mail or Fax to:
Chris Moore, Ph.D., Executive Director
Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council
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FAX: 302.674.5399

You are encouraged to attend any of the scheduled virtual public hearings for this management document and to provide oral comments at these hearings. Each hearing is targeted toward regional groupings of states or an individual state; however, anyone is welcome to participate in any hearing.

The schedule for hearings is:

Date and Time	Regional Grouping
Wednesday, March 24, 2021 6-8pm	North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida
Thursday, March 25, 2021 6-8pm	Delaware, Maryland, Potomac River Fisheries Commission and Virginia
Tuesday, March 30, 2021 6-8pm	Connecticut and New York
Thursday, April 1, 2021 6-8pm	Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island
Thursday, April 8, 2021 6-8pm	New Jersey

For additional information and updates, please visit: <https://www.mafmc.org/comments/bluefish-allocation-rebuilding-amendment> . If you have any questions, please contact either Dustin Colson Leaning at dleaning@asmfc.org or by phone at 703.842.0714 or Matthew Seeley at mseeley@mafmc.org or by phone at 302.526.5262.

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