

Connecticut Department of ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

**DEEP Marine Fisheries News** 

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## Reminder Notice of MAFMC/ASMFC Public Hearings on Summer Flounder, Scup and Black Sea Bass Commercial/Recreational Allocation Amendment And Bluefish Commercial/Recreational Allocation and Rebuilding Amendment

This is a reminder that the DEEP Fisheries Division is hosting two hearings on the evening of February 26th: a scoping hearing of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission and the Mid-Atlantic Fisheries Management Council (Council) to gather public input on the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Commercial/Recreational Allocation Amendment, to be followed immediately by a Council scoping hearing to gather public input on the Bluefish Allocation and Rebuilding Amendment. These are scoping hearings intended to gather input on the range of issues and information that should be considered in these Amendments; neither Amendment has been drafted yet. **Both commercial and recreational fishermen are encouraged to attend**.

The hearings will be held at:

## 7:00 PM, Wednesday, February 26, 2020 DEEP Marine Headquarters Boating Education Center 333 Ferry Road Old Lyme, CT 06371

Take I-95 to Exit 70 to Route 156 south, turn right onto Ferry Road, follow to the end. The Boating Education Center is located at the rear of the property.

Discussion of the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Amendment will take place approximately from 7:00 – 8:00, followed immediately by discussion of the Bluefish Amendment from approximately 8:00 – 9:00.

Written comments for both hearings will be accepted through March 17, 2020. See the attached Council notices for more information and instructions for submitting written comments.

For more information on the location of the hearing, please contact the DEEP Marine Fisheries division by email at <u>deep.marine.fisheries@ct.gov</u>, by mail at PO Box 719, Old Lyme, CT 06371 or by telephone at 860.434.6043 between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday.

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