



New England Fishery Management Council

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NOTICE OF SCOPING MEETINGS AMENDMENT 10 TO THE ATLANTIC HERRING FMP

The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is conducting six scoping meetings to solicit comments regarding the range of alternatives to consider in Amendment 10 (A10) to the Atlantic Herring Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The Council is proposing to take action through A10 to address spatial and temporal allocation and management of Atlantic herring at the management unit level to minimize user conflicts, contribute to optimum yield and support rebuilding of the resource. The Council is also proposing to take action to enhance river herring (alewife and blueback herring) and shad (American shad and hickory shad) avoidance and other catch reduction measures to better support ongoing coastwide restoration efforts for those species. The Council is scheduling the scoping meetings in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and the National Environmental Policy Act.

Date and Time

Location

Rockport, ME Friday, March 1, 2024 1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.	Maine Fishermen’s Forum / Samoset Resort Hotel / Rockport Room 220 Warrenton Street, Rockport, ME 04856 Phone: (207) 594-2511
Portsmouth, NH Monday, March 4, 2024 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Urban Forestry Center 45 Elwyn Road, Portsmouth, NH 03801 Phone: (603) 431-6774
South Kingstown, RI Tuesday, March 19, 2024 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Hampton Inn 20 Hotel Drive, South Kingstown, RI 02879 Phone: (401) 788-3500
Buzzards Bay, MA Wednesday, March 27, 2024 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Hampton Inn 12 Kendall Rae Place, Buzzards Bay, MA 02532 Phone: (508) 444-4508
Mystic, CT & Webinar Wednesday, April 17, 2024 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	Council Meeting / Hilton Hotel 20 Coogan Boulevard, Mystic, CT 06355 Phone: (860) 572-0731 *Register to participate: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3372208096915656544 Call in info: +1 (562) 247-8321; Access Code: 124-483-408
Webinar Monday, April 22, 2024 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.	*Register to participate: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3923008446850127706 Call in info: +1 (562) 247-8422; Access Code: 483-032-454

Directions to these meetings are available by contacting the Council office.

Council staff will brief the public on the A10 scoping document before receiving comments on the proposed amendment. The document is available on the Council’s website <http://www.nefmc.org/management-plans/herring> or by contacting the Council office.

Written comments must be received on or before 8 a.m. EST, **Tuesday, April 30, 2024**. Comments should be addressed to Cate O’Keefe, PhD, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill #2, Newburyport, MA 01950; and sent by mail or email: comments@nefmc.org. Please note on your correspondence; “Atlantic Herring Amendment 10 Scoping Comments.”

These meetings will be recorded. Consistent with 16 USC 1852, a copy of the recording is available upon request.

*These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities.
This schedule is subject to change. If you have questions, please call the Council office.*

Meeting Notice: February 5, 2024