



Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Council

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MEETING NOTICE

March 2, 2015 – 6:00 PM

**URI Narragansett Bay Campus, Corless Auditorium
South Ferry Road, Narragansett, RI**

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Jeff Grant

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Agenda item	Agenda item detail	Recommended action(s)
1. Approval of Agenda	3-2-2015 RIMFC agenda.	Approval of agenda.
2. Approval of Minutes	Review of RIMFC 12-1-2014 meeting minutes	Approval of minutes.
3. Public Comments	Comments from the public on any items not on agenda	Discussion and/or possible future action.
4. New business	a. <u>Public hearing (11/12) items:</u> <i>J. McNamee; P. Duhamel</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Vibrio;</u> • <u>Removal of escape vent placement requirements;</u> • <u>Rec. Summer flounder;</u> • <u>Rec. Tautog;</u> • <u>Comm. Tautog;</u> • <u>Rec. Scup;</u> • <u>Rec. Black sea bass;</u> • <u>Spiny dogfish;</u> • <u>Rec. Striped bass;</u> • <u>Comm. Striped bass;</u> • <u>Comm. Striped bass floating fish traps;</u> • <u>Editing items:</u> Quota Management section (added to Finfish and omitted from Part III); technical clarifications to Shellfish regs; general editing to Finfish regs; deletion of redundant sections from Part X – Equipment Restrictions 	Provide recommendations to the Director on proposed regulations.
	b. Presentation of RI Saltwater Recreational Fishing License Program Report. – <i>J. Lake</i>	Council determination as to whether program is continuing to meet its intended purpose.
	c. <u>Advisory Panel reports:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shellfish (1/21): <i>J. Grant</i> 	Review and approval of meeting minutes

5. FYI	<p>a. <u>Director Decision memos:</u> <i>B. Ballou</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11-20-14 public hearing items (commercial fisheries) and GB Winter harvest schedule; • 9-3-14 Council mtg. (SMA Winter Harvest Schedules) and 9-30-14 public hearing items (comm. licensing and Sector mgmt. plans) <p>b. <u>NEFMC Report – Nov./Dec. 2014.</u> <i>M. Gibson</i></p> <p>c. <u>ASMFC Winter Report:</u> <i>M. Gibson</i></p>	FYI
6. Other business	Any other matters that Council members would like to discuss.	FYI, discussion, and/or consideration for future action.
7. Adjourn		

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