



# Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Council

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## **MEETING NOTICE**

**August 25, 2015; 6:00 PM**

**URI Narragansett Bay Campus**

**Coastal Institute Building, Hazard Room**

**South Ferry Road, Narragansett, RI**

Agenda item	Items/Attachments	Recommended action(s)
<b>1. Approval of tonight's agenda</b>	8-25-2015 agenda	Approval of agenda and/or recommendations for modifications
<b>2. Approval of minutes from last meeting on 6-1-15</b>	6-1-2015 meeting minutes	Approval of minutes and/or recommendations for modifications
<b>3. New business</b>		
a. Announcement of new Chief of Marine Resource Management, Jason McNamee – <i>J. McNamee</i>	➤ Remarks from Jason	FYI and remarks.
b. Announcement of new/newly appointed Council members – <i>B. Ballou</i>		
c. Review of Council policies and procedures: <i>B. Ballou</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of workshop and advisory panel structure;</li> <li>Review of Aquaculture policy;</li> <li>Council approval of SAP and IAC agendas.</li> </ul>	➤ Species Advisory Panel Policy ( <i>June 2007</i> ); ➤ Aquaculture policy ( <i>Sept. 2009</i> ); ➤ Relevant statutes governing Council responsibilities. ➤ IAC and SAP membership lists	Review of workshop and Advisory Panel structure and policies; determination of needed policy revisions.
d. Marine Fisheries "LEAN" bill and changes to procedures: - <i>J. McNamee</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Modifications to possession limits/seasons for marine species managed under quotas (new section RIGL 20-1-12.1);</li> <li>Timeframe for submittal of regulations to Council for review (amendments to RIGL 20-2.1-</li> </ul>	➤ SO702 – LEAN bill.  ➤ RIGL 20-1-12.1  ➤ RIGL 20-2.1-9(3)(ii) & (v);	FYI and/or discussion

9(3)(ii) & (v); • Procedure for adoption of Sector Management Plans (amendments to RIGL 20-2.1-9(5)).	➤ RIGL 20-2.1-9(5)	
e. Proposed repeal of RIMFR Part III “Marine Fisheries Council”. - <i>J. McNamee</i>	➤ RIMFR Part III – Marine Fisheries Council.	Vote to recommend to repeal.
f. Review of draft Sector Management Plans - <i>J. McNamee</i>	➤ Draft 2016 Finfish Sector Management Plan; ➤ Draft 2016 Shellfish Management Plan; ➤ Draft 2016 Crustacean Management Plan;	Review and discussion; recommendation/vote to be taken on 10/5 meeting.
<b>4. FYI – B. Ballou</b>		
• Public Hearing 9/21 • Other recently passed legislation: ○ SO703aa - Seafood Marketing License ○ SO 751 - Student Shellfish License • NEMFC Report-June2015 • 2015 ASMFC Summer Meeting Summary	➤ Proposed Licensing regulations ➤ Proposed Aquaculture regulations ➤ Proposed Lobster regulations ➤ SO703aa - Seafood Marketing License ➤ SO 751 - Student Shellfish License ➤ NEMFC Report June2015 ➤ 2015 ASMFC Summer Meeting Summary	Review of regulations; recommendation/vote on 10/5 meeting.
<b>5. Next Meeting – P. Duhamel</b>		
<b>6. Adjourn</b>		

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