



Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Council

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MEETING NOTICE RI MARINE FISHERIES COUNCIL

April 4, 2016 – 6:00 PM
 URI Narragansett Bay Campus, Corless Auditorium
 South Ferry Road, Narragansett, RI

AGENDA

Agenda item	ePacket Attachment(s)	Recommended action(s)
1. Approval of tonight's agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tonight's agenda 	Approval of agenda and/or recommendations for modifications.
2. Approval of minutes from last meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting minutes 3-7-15 	Approval of minutes and/or recommendations for modifications.
3. Public Comments on any items not on agenda	N/A	Discussion and/or possible future action.
4. <u>Public Hearing Items</u> <u>(3/23): J. McNamee</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gen. edits Menhaden; • Comm. Menhaden • Rec. Menhaden; • Horseshoe Crabs; • Cancer Crabs; • Gillnets; • Adoption of "<i>Part 6 – General Equipment Provisions</i>"; repeal of "<i>Part X - Equipment Restrictions</i>", "<i>Part XI – Commercial Fisheries</i>", "<i>Part XIII – Gill Net Regulations</i>", and "<i>Part XIV – Fish Traps</i>". 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Notice • Powerpoint • Annotated regs: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Gen. edits Menhaden ○ Comm. Menhaden ○ Rec. Menhaden ○ Horseshoe Crabs ○ Cancer Crabs ○ Gillnets ○ Summary of Changes documents for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of "<i>Part 6 – General Equipment Provisions</i>"; • Repeal of "<i>Part X - Equipment Restrictions</i>" • Repeal of "<i>Part XI – Commercial Fisheries</i>"; • Repeal of "<i>Part XIII – Gill Net Regulations</i>"; 	Provide recommendations to the Director on hearing items.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeal of “<i>Part XIV – Fish Traps</i>”. • Written comments received • Summary of oral comments 	
5. Fish habitat enhancement sites and oyster restoration areas in Quonochontaug Shellfish Management Area – E. Schneider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A (presentation at meeting) 	FYI
6. Expiration of oyster harvest moratorium – E. Schneider	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A (presentation at meeting) 	Recommendation regarding continuation of moratorium
7. Director decisions on regulatory amendments - B. Ballou	N/A	FYI
8. Any other matters.	N/A	FYI, discussion, and/or consideration of future actions.
9. Adjourn		

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