



Rhode Island Marine Fisheries Council

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MEETING NOTICE RI MARINE FISHERIES COUNCIL

April 20, 2016 – 6:30 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 3-7-16 	Approval of minutes and/or recommendations for modifications.
3. Public Comments on any items not on agenda	N/A	Discussion and/or determination for future action.
4. <u>March 23rd Public Hearing</u> Items: <i>J. McNamee</i> <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>"; in conjunction with 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"> o Gen. edits Menhaden <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised edits o Comm. Menhaden o Rec. Menhaden o Horseshoe Crabs o Cancer Crabs o Gillnets o 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 regarding proposed regulations.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Repeal of “<i>Part XIV – Fish Traps</i>”. • Written comments received • Summary of oral comments 	
5. <u>April 20th - Rec. Black Sea Bass:</u> <i>J. McNamee</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Notice • Powerpoint • Written Comments (<i>rec'd to date</i>). 	Provide a recommendation to the Director regarding the proposed regulation.
6. <u>Fish habitat enhancement sites and oyster restoration areas in Quonochontaug Shellfish Management Area:</u> <i>E. Schneider</i>	Presentation to be provided at meeting	FYI
7. <u>Expiration of oyster harvest moratorium:</u> <i>E. Schneider</i>	Presentation to be provided at meeting	Recommendation regarding continuation of moratorium
8. <u>Director Decisions:</u> <i>B. Ballou</i>	Director Decision Memo	FYI
9. Other matters.		FYI, discussion, and/or consideration of future actions.
10. Adjourn		

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