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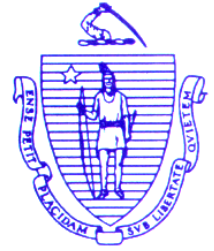
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Marine Fisheries Advisory

ASMFC PUBLIC HEARING ON RECREATIONAL FLUKE MANAGEMENT

The Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (*Marine Fisheries*) will host an Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (Commission) public hearing on Draft Addendum XXIV to the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Plan. The addendum specifically addresses summer flounder (fluke) recreational management in 2013. The date, time, and location of the hearing are:

April 11, 2013; 5:30 PM

Jonathan Bourne Public Library

19 Sandwich Road

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The addendum proposes a mechanism to provide states access to the fluke recreational harvest limit that is projected to not be harvested in 2013. In other words, it would allow states to capitalize on harvest opportunities that are foregone by states that choose not to fully utilize their 2013 harvest target. The goal of the addendum is to help stabilize fishing rules close to those that existed in 2012, particularly for those states that are facing fluke recreational harvest reductions in 2013 (i.e., New York and New Jersey). These states exceeded their 2012 harvest targets despite having among the most stringent recreational fluke regulations along the coast.

For full details, refer to Draft Addendum XXIV to the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Plan for Public Comment, available via the Commission's website at <http://www.asmfc.org/breakingNews.htm> or by contacting the Commission at 703.842.0740.

Written public comment will be accepted until **5:00 PM (EST) on April 12, 2013** and should be forwarded to Toni Kerns, ASMFC, 1050 N. Highland St., Suite 200 A-N, Arlington, VA 22201; 703.842.0741 (FAX); or tkerns@asmfc.org. For more information, please contact Toni Kerns. Final action on the addendum is anticipated to occur in April.