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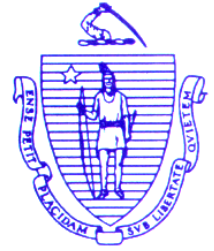
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ASMFC PUBLIC HEARING ON LOBSTER: JUNE 26

The Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, jointly with the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, will host an Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (Commission) public hearing on Draft Addendum XXI to Amendment 3 to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for American Lobster. The details of the hearing are:

June 26, 2013; 7:00PM

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Draft Addendum XXI proposes changes to the transferability program for Lobster Conservation Management Areas (LCMAs) 2 and 3. These changes are designed to allow for flexibility in the movement of traps as the consolidation program for LCMAs 2 and 3 is implemented. The proposed measures are intended to address latent effort (unfished allocation) while also providing a mechanism for industry to maintain a profitable fishery as trap reductions occur.

The Draft Addendum is the second in a series of addenda that respond to the depleted condition of the Southern New England (SNE) lobster resource by scaling the capacity of the SNE fishery to the size of the SNE resource. Since the scope of the SNE resource encompasses all or part of six of the seven LCMAs established by Amendment 3, additional addenda will be developed to address effort reductions in the remaining LCMAs (4, 5, and 6).

For full details, refer to Draft Addendum XXI, 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 July 15, 2013** and should be forwarded to Kate Taylor, Senior FMP Coordinator, at 1050 N. Highland St., Suite 200 A-N, Arlington, VA 22201; 703.842.0741 (FAX) or ktaylor@asmfc.org (Subject line: Lobster Draft Addendum XXI). For more information, please contact Kate Taylor at ktaylor@asmfc.org or 703.842.0740.