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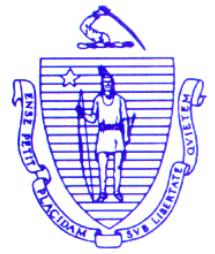
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MarineFisheries Advisory

### **Proposed Commercial Gulf of Maine Groundfish Closures Written Public Comment Deadline Extended to July 3**

The Division of Marine Fisheries (*MarineFisheries*) held a [public hearing](#) on May 28, 2015 to take comment on commercial and recreational fishing measures aimed to protect spawning cod aggregations and reduce fishing mortality on Gulf of Maine cod. Among the proposed measures were draft regulations to adjust the existing commercial groundfish closures in the Gulf of Maine. These proposed closure adjustments were described in detail in a May 27, 2015 [MarineFisheries Advisory](#). As details of this proposal were announced just prior to the public hearing date, the written public comment period relative to these closures was initially extended through Wednesday, June 17, 2015. Due to continued interest in this proposal, *MarineFisheries* is again extending the written public comment period; the new deadline is July 3, 2015.

#### **Instructions for Written Public Comment**

For the purpose of taking written public comment on these proposed closures the deadline will be extended through Friday, July 3, 2015 at 5:00 PM. Please address all comments to Acting Director David Pierce. Comments can be sent by e-mail to [marine.fish@state.ma.us](mailto:marine.fish@state.ma.us) or by mail to 251 Causeway Street, Suite 400, Boston, MA 02114.

For more information regarding the public comment period or regulatory proposals, contact Jared Silva by phone (617-626-1534) or through e-mail ([jared.silva@state.ma.us](mailto:jared.silva@state.ma.us)).