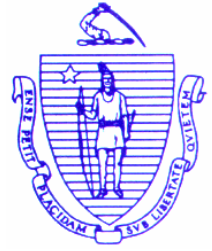




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**REMINDER OF ASMFC HEARINGS ON  
MENHADEN DRAFT ADDENDUM II &  
SUMMER FLOUNDER DRAFT ADDNEDUM XVII -**

**Hearing in Massachusetts on July 5<sup>th</sup>**

The Commonwealth will host an ASMFC hearing on July 5th to gather comments on Draft Addenda for Menhaden (Addendum II) and Summer Flounder (Addendum XVII). The hearing will begin at 7PM at the Plymouth Harbor Radisson (180 Water St.). Please see the ASMFC press releases below and visit [www.asmfc.org](http://www.asmfc.org) for further information.

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MAY 26, 2005

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**States Schedule Public Meetings to Gather Comment on  
Draft Addendum XVII to the Summer Flounder FMP**

Washington, DC – The Commission’s Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Management Board approved Draft Addendum XVII to the Summer Flounder Fishery Management Plan for public comment and review. The Draft Addendum proposes a program that allows the Board to subdivide the recreational coastwide allocation into regions as an option under conservation equivalency. It also initiates a public dialog to discuss the ability to average multiple years of data as well as multiple years of landings to establish recreational management programs.

Atlantic coastal states from Massachusetts through North Carolina have scheduled the dates and times of their public meetings to gather comment. The specific details of those meetings follow:

Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries  
July 5, 2005; 7:00PM  
Plymouth Harbor Radisson  
180 Water Street  
Plymouth, MA 02360  
Contact: Melanie Griffin at 617-626-1528

Connecticut Dept. of Environmental Protection  
July 7, 2005; 7:00PM  
Marine Headquarters Office Education Center  
333 Ferry Road  
Old Lyme, Connecticut  
Contact: Dave Simpson at (860) 434-6043

Rhode Island Division of Fish and Wildlife  
June 28, 2005; 6:00PM  
URI Narragansett Bay Campus  
Corless Auditorium  
South Ferry Road  
Narragansett, Rhode Island  
Contact: Brian Murphy at (401) 423-1941

New York Dept. of Environmental Conservation  
July 12, 2005; 7:00PM  
205 North Belle Mead Road, Suite 1  
East Setauket, New York  
Contact: Gordon Colvin at (631) 444-0430

New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife  
June 29, 2005; 6:30PM  
Atlantic County Library Galloway Township  
306 East Jimmie Leeds Road  
Absecon, New Jersey  
Contact: Bruce Freeman at (609) 292-2083

Maryland Department of Natural Resources  
July 7, 2005; 6:30PM  
Ocean Pines Library  
Worcester County Library  
11107 Cathell Road  
Ocean Pines, Maryland  
Contact: Howard J. King, III at (410) 260-8281

Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife  
July 13, 2005; 7:30PM  
Delaware Department of Natural Resources and  
Environmental Control  
Richardson and Robbins Building Auditorium  
89 Kings Highway  
Dover, Delaware  
Contact: Rick Cole at (302) 739-4782

Virginia Marine Resources Commission  
July 13, 2005; 6:00PM  
2600 Washington Avenue  
Fourth Floor Conference Room  
Newport News, Virginia  
Contact: Jack Travelstead at (757) 247-2247

North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries  
July 14, 2005; 7:00 PM  
Classroom 1, Crystal Coast Civic Center  
3505 Arendell Street  
Morehead City, North Carolina  
Contact: Preston Pate at (252) 726-7021

The management options within Addendum XVII respond to concerns expressed by fishermen and managers regarding the potential variability of data from the Marine Recreational Fishery Statistics Survey (MRFSS) when used on a state-by-state basis. By adopting regional or coastwide management approaches, MRFSS coverage area increases while data variability decreases, thereby enhancing the credibility of both the data and the management program. The Addendum also initiates a public dialog to discuss the ability to average multiple years of data and multiple years of landings to establish recreational management programs.

When state-specific conservation equivalent measures are adopted, water bodies used by fishermen from several states (such as the Long Island Sound) may have multiple or conflicting regulations. These differing regulations create confusion for fishermen fishing in that area. Regional approaches to summer flounder recreational management could potentially minimize differences in adjacent states fishing on the same water body.

The Board will meet in August to review public comment on the Draft Addendum and consider its final approval. Fishermen and other interested groups are encouraged to provide input on the Addendum either by attending public hearings or providing written comments. Copies the Draft Addendum can be obtained via the Commission's website at [www.asmfc.org](http://www.asmfc.org) under Breaking News or by contacting the Commission at (202) 289-6400. Public comment will be accepted until 5:00 PM on July 20, 2005 and should be forwarded to Toni Kerns, Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at 1444 'Eye' Street, NW, Sixth Floor, Washington, DC 20005; (202) 289-6051 (fax) or [tkerns@asmfc.org](mailto:tkerns@asmfc.org). For more information, please contact Toni Kerns at (202) 289-6400 or [tkerns@asmfc.org](mailto:tkerns@asmfc.org).

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May 27, 2005

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**States Schedule Public Meetings to Gather Comment on  
Draft Addendum II to the Atlantic Menhaden FMP**

Washington, DC – Atlantic coastal states from Maine through Georgia have scheduled their public meetings to gather comment on Draft Addendum II to Amendment 1 to the Interstate

Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for Atlantic Menhaden. The dates, times and locations of those meetings follow:

**Maine Department of Marine Resources**

June 27, 2005; 6:00 PM  
Boothbay Harbor Laboratory  
194 McKown Point Road  
West Boothbay Harbor, Maine  
Contact: Lew Flagg at (207) 624-6548

**Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries**

July 5, 2005; 7:00 PM  
Plymouth Harbor Radisson  
180 Water Street  
Plymouth, Massachusetts  
Contact: Melanie Griffin at (617) 626-1528

**Rhode Island Division of Fish and Wildlife**

July 6, 2005; 6:00 PM  
URI Narragansett Bay Campus  
Corless Auditorium  
South Ferry Road  
Narragansett, Rhode Island  
Contact: Jason McNamee at (401) 423-1943

**Connecticut Dept. of Environment Protection**

July 7, 2005; 7:00 PM  
Marine Headquarters Boating Education Center  
333 Ferry Road  
Old Lyme, Connecticut  
Contact: Dave Simpson at (860) 434-6043

**New York Dept. of Environmental Conservation**

July 7, 2005; 7:00 PM  
Bureau of Marine Resources Headquarters  
205 North Belle Meade Road  
East Setauket, New York  
Contact: Byron Young at (631) 444-0436

**New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife**

June 28, 2005; 6:30 PM  
Nacote Creek Research Station  
360 New York Road, Route 9  
Port Republic, New Jersey  
Contact: Bruce Freeman at (609) 633-2408

**Delaware Dept. of Natural Resources & Environmental Control**

June 27, 2005; 7:00 PM  
Division of Fish & Wildlife Auditorium  
89 Kings Highway  
Dover, Delaware  
Contact: Roy Miller at (302) 739-9914

**Maryland Department of Natural Resources**

June 29, 2005; 7:00 PM  
Annapolis Radisson  
210 Holiday Court  
Annapolis, Maryland  
Contact: Howard King III at (410) 260-8281

**Potomac River Fisheries Commission**

July 13, 2005; 6:30 PM  
John T. Parran Hearing Room  
222 Taylor Street  
Colonial Beach, Virginia  
Contact: AC Carpenter at (804) 224-7148

**Virginia Marine Resources Commission**

July 12, 2005; 6:00 PM  
Virginia Institute of Marine Science  
Waterman's Hall  
Route 1208 Grete Road  
Gloucester Point, Virginia  
Contact: Jack Travelstead at (757) 247-2247

**North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries**

July 11, 2005; 6:00 PM  
Classroom 2, Crystal Coast Civic Center  
3505 Arendell Street  
Morehead City, North Carolina  
Contact: Trish Murphy at (252) 726-7021

**Georgia Department of Natural Resources**

July 18, 2005; 6:00 PM  
Mighty 8<sup>th</sup> Air Force Museum  
175 Bourne Avenue  
Pooler, Georgia  
Contact: Spud Woodward at (912) 264-7218

The Draft Addendum was developed in response to concern regarding the possibility of localized depletion of menhaden stocks in the Chesapeake Bay. It presents a suite of management options to limit the catch of menhaden in both the Chesapeake Bay and coastwide, including various harvest caps, timeframes, and gears.

The Draft Addendum also proposes initiating a research program immediately to determine the status of menhaden populations in the Chesapeake Bay and assess whether localized depletion is occurring. It identifies the following research priorities: (1) determine menhaden abundance in the Chesapeake Bay; (2) determine estimates of menhaden removal by predators; (3) evaluate the rate of exchange of menhaden between the Bay and coastal systems; and (4) conduct larval studies to determine recruitment to the Bay.

The Board will meet in August to review public comment on the Draft Addendum and consider its final approval. Fishermen and other interested groups are encouraged to provide input on the Addendum either by attending public hearings or providing written comments.

Copies of the Draft Addendum can be obtained via the Commission's website at [www.asmfc.org](http://www.asmfc.org) under Breaking News or by contacting the Commission at (202) 289-6400.

Public comment will be accepted until 5:00 PM on August 1, 2005 and should be forwarded to Nancy Wallace Atlantic Menhaden Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, at 1444 'Eye' Street, NW, Sixth Floor, Washington, DC 20005; (202)289-6051 (fax) or [comments@asmfc.org](mailto:comments@asmfc.org) (Subject line: Menhaden). For more information, please contact Nancy Wallace at (202)289-6400 or [nwallace@asmfc.org](mailto:nwallace@asmfc.org).

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