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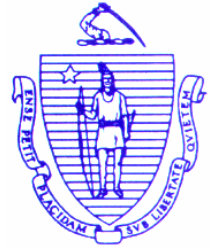
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#### **Marine Fisheries Advisory**

### **ASMFC NORTHERN SHRIMP SECTION TO SET 2006 SEASON – ASMFC & MARINE FISHERIES TO SEEK PUBLIC COMMENT**

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On Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> (10:30AM to 4PM), the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Northern Shrimp Section will meet at the Holiday Inn by the Bay (88 Spring St., Portland ME) to hold a public hearing and season-setting meeting for the 2006 northern shrimp fishery.

The Section will review recommendations forwarded by the Advisory Panel. Parties interested in commenting on recommendations should contact Brad Spear, ASMFC Northern Shrimp Management Plan Coordinator, for further details (202.289.6400 or email at [bspear@asmfc.org](mailto:bspear@asmfc.org)).

Final details of the 2006 specifications, as approved by the ASMFC Northern Shrimp Section, will be published on November 9<sup>th</sup> by *Marine Fisheries*, on its web site and through the e-mail Listserv. Subsequently, *Marine Fisheries* will hold a two-week comment period that will end on Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup> and unless otherwise notified by the Director, will become effective on December 1, 2005.

The following is the notice of *Marine Fisheries*' public comment period:

#### **NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Under the provisions of M.G.L. Ch 30A and pursuant to the authority found in M.G.L. Ch. 130 ss. 17, 17A, 80, 100A, and 104, Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) and the Marine Fisheries Commission (MFC) have scheduled a public comment period on the ***Marine Fisheries* proposal to adopt annual specifications for northern shrimp (322 CMR 5.00) including the manner and times of taking northern shrimp, legal size limits, numbers or quantities of northern shrimp to be taken, and the opening and closing of areas to the taking of northern shrimp as approved by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Northern Shrimp Section at their November 8, 2005 season-setting meeting and public hearing.** Unless otherwise notified by the Director, annual specifications as approved by the ASMFC Northern Shrimp Section shall become effective on December 1, 2005. Contact DMF for further details.

**Written comments** may be received by e-mail, ([melanie.griffin@state.ma.us](mailto:melanie.griffin@state.ma.us)), fax (617.626.1509), or mail (251 Causeway St., Suite 400; Boston, MA 02114) and **will be accepted until 9AM on Monday, November 21, 2005.**

For further information please visit our website at [www.mass.gov/marinefisheries](http://www.mass.gov/marinefisheries).