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Notice of Public Hearing and Comment Period

Emergency Regulations to Limit Entry into Commercial Striped Bass Fishery, Establish Striped Bass Permit Endorsement as Owner-Operator and Non-Transferable, and Update the Control Date

Under the provisions of G.L. c. 30A, and pursuant to the authority found at G.L. c. 130 §§ 2, 80, and 104, the Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) is taking public comment on a series of emergency regulations to amend 322 CMR 6.07, 7.01, and 7.04 relevant to the permitting of the commercial striped bass fishery beginning in 2026.

1. Establish Striped Bass Regulated Fishery Permit Endorsement as Limited Access (322 CMR 7.01). Beginning in 2026, limit the issuance of commercial striped bass regulated fishery permit endorsements to only those people who held the endorsement in 2024 or 2025.
2. Owner Operator (322 CMR 6.07 and 7.01). Require the named permit holder be present when commercial striped bass fishing is occurring under the authority of their commercial striped bass regulated fishery permit endorsement.
3. Moratorium on Transferability (322 CMR 7.01). The commercial striped bass regulated fishery permit endorsement will be established as non-transferable.
4. Control Date (322 CMR 7.04). Update the control date for regulated striped bass fishery permit endorsements from June 14, 2022 to December 31, 2025 so as to have a more current control date should future action be taken to further restrict access.

Public Hearing and Comment Schedule

DMF will accept written public comment through 5PM on Friday, December 12, 2025. Please submit written comments to Director Daniel McKiernan by e-mail (marine.fish@mass.gov). Additionally, DMF will host a virtual public hearing on Tuesday, December 2, 2025 at 6PM via Zoom. You can register to attend this public hearing via this [Zoom registration link](#).