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UPDATE ON TIMELINE FOR PENDING PROTECTED SPECIES REGULATIONS

In December 2020, Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) concluded the public hearing and comment period on proposed protected species regulations affecting trap and gillnet fishing ([Hearing Notice](#)). DMF has now submitted a final regulatory recommendation to its Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission (MFAC) for review and approval at their January 28, 2021 business meeting. DMF's recommendation on protected species regulations, and all other information relevant to this business meeting, may be found on the [MFAC's website](#).

To keep stakeholders informed about the rule making process and timeline, DMF will provide additional advisories following the upcoming MFAC business meeting and upon promulgation of the final regulations. DMF anticipates that final regulations will be filed in February or early-March.

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