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Reminder: Public Hearings Scheduled for January 5 and January 6

This advisory serves to remind you DMF is hosting two public hearings this week. The purpose of these public hearings is described in further detail below. These public hearings will be held virtually via Zoom and will be published onto DMF's [YouTube channel](#) later this week.

- At 6PM on January 5, DMF will hold a public hearing on regulatory amendments affecting commercial trap gear fishing. This includes: (1) adopting a May 1 trap installation deadline for lobster trap gear across all Lobster Conservation Management Areas; (2) addressing statutorily established residency requirements related to the Seasonal Lobster Permit; and (3) amending the existing buoy line marking regulations set to go into effect on February 1, 2022. To attend this public hearing, please register [online](#).
- At 6PM on January 6, DMF will hold a public hearing on regulatory amendments affecting state waters commercial groundfish and gillnet fishing, the small mesh trawl squid season, and the winter period scup limits. To attend this public hearing, please register [online](#).

The specific details of each proposal are outlined in the public hearing notices for [January 5](#) and [January 6](#). Additionally, all prior documents regarding these public hearing proposals and the legal strikethrough language are available on DMF's proposed regulations [webpage](#).

Written public comment is being accepted through Friday, January 14, 2022. Submit written comments to Director Daniel McKiernan by e-mail (marine.fish@mass.gov) or post (251 Causeway Street, Suite 400, Boston, MA 02114).

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