



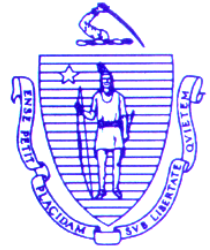
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Notice of Public Hearing Scheduled for May 16, 2013

Under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A and pursuant to the authority found at M.G.L. c. 130 § 17A and 80, the Division of Marine Fisheries (*Marine Fisheries*) and the Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission (MFC) have scheduled a public hearing and public comment period to accept comment on regulations to amend 322 CMR 6.07 and 7.01. *Marine Fisheries* will take comment on the following draft regulations:

1. **Striped Bass Management (322 CMR 6.07 and 322 CMR 7.01)**

- a. **Commercial Fishing Permits.**
 - i. Beginning in 2014, require all commercial striped bass permit holders to apply for or renew their regulated striped bass fishery endorsement by March 15 of the permitted fishing year.
- b. **Technical corrections.**
 - i. As a recreational saltwater fishing permit is now required to take any finfish species, eliminate an outdated reference in the striped bass purpose section that states a recreational fishing permit is not needed to take striped bass;
 - ii. Move the regulation that allows for-hire operations to fillet striped bass for their customers from the commercial fishing section to the recreational fishing section, as for-hire fishing is a recreational activity permitted in accordance with the recreational saltwater fishing permit at 322 CMR 7.10. This will not affect the continuation of this practice;
 - iii. Clarify that certain dealer importation rules governing non-conforming striped bass apply only to wild-caught, not farm-raised, striped bass;
 - iv. With the 2010 implementation of monthly trip level reporting, eliminate outdated references to annual catch reports; and
 - v. Update certain definitions and prohibitions to clarify the regulation.

For further information or to obtain a copy of the full proposed regulations please contact Jared Silva by phone (617-626-1534) or through e-mail (jared.silva@state.ma.us), or visit our website (www.mass.gov/marinefisheries).

Public Hearing Schedule

Thursday, May 16, 2013 at the Kingston Town Hall, 26 Evergreen Street, Kingston, MA 02364.

This hearing will be held from 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM prior to the MFC business meeting.

Public comments will be accepted until 5:00 PM (noon) on Tuesday, May 14, 2013. Please e-mail all public comments to jared.silva@state.ma.us or send to 251 Causeway Street, Suite 400, Boston, MA 02114.