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Industry Scoping Meeting for 2023 Menhaden Management

The Division of Marine Fisheries is holding an industry scoping meeting to discuss the state’s management of the 2023 commercial menhaden fishery in Massachusetts on the evening of September 14 in Gloucester. This meeting will immediately follow the previously announced public hearing on proposed revisions to the interstate fishery management plan for menhaden ([Draft Addendum I Public Hearings Notice](#)).

When	Wednesday, September 14, 6:00 to 9:00 PM
Where	DMF Annisquam River Marine Fisheries Station 30 Emerson Avenue Gloucester, MA 01930
What	6:00–8:00 PM: ASMFC Public Hearing on Menhaden Draft Addendum I <i>and</i> 8:00–9:00PM (or immediately following the ASMFC public hearing): MA DMF Scoping Meeting on 2023 Menhaden Fishery Management

Menhaden Draft Addendum I considers potential changes to the current interstate management provisions for commercial allocations, the episodic event set aside program, and the incidental catch and small-scale fisheries provision. Through the subsequent scoping meeting, DMF seeks to gather public input on commercial management measures for the 2023 fishery, both as they relate to potential outcomes of Draft Addendum I as well as addressing in-state management issues, such as seasonality, rate of harvest, user conflict, compliance, and reporting. This scoping meeting serves as a precursor to a state public hearing on any proposed management revisions for 2023 needed to comply with the interstate plan or improve state management. Given the current timeline for the draft addendum’s approval by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (early November), a state public hearing is likely to occur in mid-winter.

Please contact Nichola Meserve at nichola.meserve@mass.gov or 978-619-0017 for more information about these meetings.