



**MARINE FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMISSION  
BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA**

**9:00 AM**

**August 20, 2020**

**Held Virtually Via Zoom**

**Webinar Link: <https://bit.ly/3kMnqHS>**

**Dial In: 1-929-436-2866**

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1. Introductions and Announcements (9:00 – 9:10)
  - a. Review and Approval of the August 20, 2020 Business Meeting Agenda
  - b. Review and Approval of the May 21, 2020 and June 18, 2020 Draft Business Meeting Minutes
2. Comments (9:10 – 9:30)
  - a. Chairman
  - b. Commissioner
  - c. Director
  - d. Law Enforcement
3. Update on Performance of 2020 Quota Monitored Fisheries (9:30 – 10:00)
  - a. Menhaden Episodic Event Set-Aside
4. Action Items (10:00 – 11:15)
  - a. In-Season Adjustments to Commercial Fishing Limits for Quota Managed Species
    - i. Striped Bass
    - ii. Summer Flounder
    - iii. Black Sea Bass
  - b. Final Recommendation on Closing Cape Cod Canal to Commercial Striped Bass Fishing
5. Optional Break (11:15 – 11:30)
6. Discussion Items (11:30 – 12:30)
  - a. Incidental Take Permit Application and Future Rule Making Affecting Fixed Gear
  - b. Update on Issues Related to COVID-19 and the Seafood and Fishing Industry
    - i. CARES Act Fisheries Relief in MA
    - ii. DMF Seafood Marketing
    - iii. New Workplace Safety Standards for For-Hire Fleet
    - iv. Extension of For-Hire Black Sea Bass and Gulf of Maine Cod Fisheries
    - v. Limited Entry Permit Transfer Policy on Active Fishing in 2020
    - vi. Resumption Federal At-Sea Observer Program
    - vii. Updates from Commission Members
  - c. NEFMC, ASMFC, and MAFMC Updates
7. Other Business (12:30 – 12:45)
  - a. Commission Member Comments
  - b. Public Comment
8. Adjourn (1:00)

**Future Meeting Dates**

**9AM**  
**September 24, 2020**  
**Location TBD**

**9AM**  
**October 29, 2020**  
**Location TBD**

**9AM**  
**November 19, 2020**  
**Location TBD**

**9AM**  
**December 10, 2020**  
**Location TBD**

All times provided are approximate and the meeting agenda is subject to change. The MFAC may amend the agenda at the start of the business meeting. Due to constraints imposed by virtually meeting capabilities, public comment will not be accommodated during the May 14, 2020 MFAC business meeting. However, the public may log into the meeting virtually and follow the proceedings.