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COMMERCIAL FISHERIES COMMISSION SCHEDULED TO HOLD FIRST MEETING

Background Information

The Commercial Fisheries Commission (CFC) is a public body established by the Massachusetts Legislature in August 2022 ([Section 79 of Chapter 179 of the Acts of 2022](#)). Its purpose is to “develop and recommend strategies, methods and tools to promote the sustainability of the commonwealth's commercial fishing industry including, but not limited to, harvesting, processing and production and sales and distribution” and “address subjects including responsible development of offshore energy projects, mitigation and support strategies to ensure the long-term sustainability of fisheries in the Commonwealth.”

The Commercial Fisheries Commission is chaired by the Directors of the Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) and the Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) or their appointees. Membership includes the Secretary of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) or the appointee thereof, as well as an appointed representative from the Responsible Offshore Development Alliance, Massachusetts Fishermen's Partnership, Massachusetts Seafood Collaborative; Stellwagen Bank Charter Boat Association, New Bedford Port Authority, Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association, Cape Cod Commercial Fishermen's Alliance, Gloucester Fisheries Commission, Gloucester Fishing Community Preservation Fund, Fisheries Survival Fund, Center for Sustainable Fisheries, Northeast Seafood Coalition, Gloucester Fishermen's Wives Association, and the University of Massachusetts School for Marine Science and Technology.

Meeting Information

Appointments to the CFC are now complete and the body will meet for the first time at 10AM on April 8, 2025, in Conference Room B at 100 Cambridge Street, Boston. This initial meeting will provide an opportunity to discuss the purpose, role, and intent of this public body and to identify potential topics for deliberation at future meetings. The full agenda for this public body meeting has been posted to the [CFC's website](#). Contact DMF (marine.fish@mass.gov) should you have any questions or are interested in being added to the CFC's mailing list to receive routine updates regarding this public body and its meetings.

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