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DMF TO HOST VIRTUAL STAKEHOLDER MEETING FOR STATE WATERS MOBILE GEAR FISHERY

The Division of Marine Fisheries has scheduled a [virtual stakeholder meeting](#) for 6PM on Thursday, February 1, 2024. The purpose of this meeting is to engage with industry on issues relevant to state waters mobile gear fishing. The meeting will be divided into three segments: (1) emerging issues regarding the harvest of whole in-shell sea scallops in state-waters; (2) the upcoming spring and summertime trawl fishery in Nantucket Sound; and (3) other business.

During the first two segments, DMF staff will present on the subject and then allow for questions and comments from industry. Preliminary meeting materials regarding the sea scallop issue will be sent via e-mail prior to the meeting to all Coastal Access Permit holders and seafood dealers purchasing whole in-shell sea scallops. The third segment will provide an opportunity for industry to raise other issues of interest and concern for DMF's consideration.

All state waters mobile gear fishers and seafood dealers involved in buying fish from these fishers are encouraged to join. All attendees must [register](#) before the meeting and upon registration will receive a direct link to the meeting. If you are unable to attend, the meeting will be recorded and posted to DMF's [YouTube channel](#) as expediently as possible.

Meeting Information:

6PM
Thursday, February 1, 2024
Via Zoom
[Registration Link](#)

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