



**MARINE FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMISSION
BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA**

9:00 AM

March 18, 2021

Held Virtually Via Zoom

Webinar Link: <https://bit.ly/3vijUtP>

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1. Introductions and Announcements (9:00 – 9:10)
 - a. Review and Approval of the March 18, 2021 Business Meeting Agenda
 - b. Review and Approval of the February 18, 2021 Draft Business Meeting Minutes
2. Comments (9:10 – 9:30)
 - a. Chairman
 - b. Commissioner
 - c. Director
 - d. Law Enforcement
3. Action Items (9:30-10:30)
 - a. Lifting April Groundfish Conditional Closure for 2021
 - b. Final Rules Affecting Recreational Fishing Limits and Gears
 - i. Gulf of Maine Haddock Limits
 - ii. Gulf of Maine Cod Limits
 - iii. Striped Bass Circle Hook Mandate
 - iv. Prohibition on Trapping for Blue Crabs
4. Discussion Items (10:30 – 11:30)
 - a. Update on Protected Species Issues
 - i. Comments on Biological Opinions for Right Whales and Sea Turtles
 - ii. New Buoy Line Marking Requirements
 - iii. Outreach and Rollout on Weak Rope
 - b. New England Council Update
 - c. Updates on Shellfish Growing Area Reclassification of Three Bays
5. Presentation on MA Ocean Acidification Commission Report (11:30 – 12:00)
6. Other Business (12:00 – 12:15)
 - a. Commission Member Comments
 - b. Public Comment
7. Adjourn (12:15)

Future Meeting Dates

9AM

April 15, 2021

Virtual via Zoom

9AM

May 13, 2021

Location TBD

9AM

June 17, 2021

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.