



**MARINE FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMISSION
BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA**

9:00 AM

May 21, 2020

Held Virtually Via Zoom

Webinar Link:

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1. Introductions and Announcements (9:00 – 9:15)
 - a. Review and Approval of the May 21, 2020 Business Meeting Agenda
 - b. Review and Approval of the April 1, 2020 Draft Business Meeting Minutes
2. Action Items (9:15 – 9:45)
 - a. Annual MFAC Officer Elections
 - b. Commissioner's Recommendation on DMF Director
3. Comments (9:45 – 10:30)
 - a. Chairman
 - b. Commissioner
 - c. Director
 - d. Law Enforcement
4. Optional Break (10:30 – 10:40)
5. Discussion Items (10:40 – 12:00)
 - a. Review of Recent ASMFC and Council Meetings
 - b. May Groundfish Closure in Gulf of Maine: Industry Requests and DMF Response
 - c. Ongoing Review of Local Shellfish Aquaculture Regulation
 - d. Impacts of COVID-19 on Seafood and Fishing Industry
 - i. Mass CARES Act Fisheries Relief
 - ii. DMF Seafood Marketing Promotion
 - iii. Seafood Procurement by State Agencies
 - iv. Increase in Retail Boat Permits and Challenges
 - v. Updates from Commission Members
6. Optional Break (12:00 – 12:10)
7. Presentation on the Preliminary Findings of DMF's Squid Report (12:10 – 12:45)
8. Other Business (12:45-1:00)
 - a. MFAC Meeting Schedule for Remainder of 2020
 - b. Commission Member Comments
9. Executive Session* (1:00)
10. Adjourn from Executive Session

Future Meeting Dates

9AM

June 18, 2020

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.

* In accordance with G.L. c. 30A, §21(3), the MFAC will enter into Executive Session to discuss with legal counsel the May 15, 2020 Notice of Intent to Bring Suit against the Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission for alleged violations of the Endangered Species Act.