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Notice of Public Hearings Scheduled for Wednesday, January 29, 2014

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Under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A and pursuant to the authority found at M.G.L. c. 130 § 17A, 21 and 80, the Division of Marine Fisheries (*Marine Fisheries*) and the Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission (MFC) have scheduled a public hearing and public comment period to accept comment on proposed regulations to amend 322 CMR 6.00 and 8.00.



1. **American Eel (322 CMR 6.30)**. To comply with ASMFC's Interstate Management Plan for American Eels, DMF is proposing to:
 - a. Increase the minimum size to 9 inches;
 - b. Decrease the recreational bag limit to 25 eels per day, except for for-hire operators who may continue to possess 50 eels per day; and
 - c. Prohibit the use of nets (e.g. fyke nets) for eel harvest from September 1 through December 31. Use of rod and reel, pots, traps and spears would be allowed during time.
2. **Tautog Management (322 CMR 6.40, 6.41 and 8.06)**. DMF is proposing to:
 - a. Clarify the existing minimum size rules by prohibiting possession by any person of any tautog smaller than 16 inches;
 - b. Prohibit dealers from possessing live tautog within 5 days after the start of a closed commercial fishing period;
 - c. Take comments on changes to the open commercial tautog fishing seasons;
 - d. Recodify all tautog rules (commercial and recreational) into a single section at 322 CMR 6.40; and
3. **Hammerhead Shark Minimum Size (322 CMR 6.37)**. To comply with the ASMFC's Interstate Management Plan for Coastal Sharks, *Marine Fisheries* is proposing to increase the recreational minimum size for hammerhead shark species from 54 inches to 78 inches.
4. **Recreational V-Notch Standards (322 CMR 6.02)**. *Marine Fisheries* is proposing to establish a state-wide recreational v-notch possession standard of 1/8 inch with or without setal hairs.
5. **Quota Managed Species (322 CMR 6.41)**. *Marine Fisheries* is proposing to establish a universal procedure for closing quota managed fisheries.

Public Hearing Schedule

Wednesday, January 29, 2014

Sagamore Fire Station #3 Meeting Room

53 Meetinghouse Lane, Sagamore Beach, MA 02562

From 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Public comments will be accepted until 5:00 PM on Friday January 31, 2014. Please e-mail all public comments to jared.silva@state.ma.us or send to 251 Causeway Street, Suite 400, Boston, MA 02114.

For further information or to obtain a copy of the full proposed regulations please contact Jared Silva by phone (617-626-1534) or through e-mail (jared.silva@state.ma.us), or visit our website (www.mass.gov/marinefisheries).

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