MARINE FISHERIES ADVISORY COMMISSION
BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA
9:00AM
Thursday, October 22, 2026
SMAST East
836 S. Rodney French Blvd, New Bedford
Hybrid Login Link

1. Call to Order and Routine Business (9:00 AM)
   a. Introductions and Announcements
   b. Review of October 2026 Business Meeting Agenda
   c. Review and Approval of August 2026 Draft Business Meeting Minutes
2. Agency Updates (9:15 AM)
   a. Office of Law Enforcement: Personnel, Recent Operations & Marine Fishery Incidents
   b. Department of Fish and Game: Recent Meetings and Events and Department-wide Activities and Projects
   c. Division of Marine Fisheries: Personnel, Recent Meetings and Events, and Agency Activities and Projects
3. Action Items (9:45 AM)
   a. In-Season Adjustment to Commercial Black Sea Bass Limits
   b. MFAC Letter to EOEEA to Support Resources for MEP
4. Update on SMAST Management Strategy Evaluation for Channeled Whelk (10:00 AM)
5. Proposals for Future Public Hearings (10:30 AM)
   a. Whelk Minimum Size Management
   b. Recreational Shark Fishing
6. Updates and Discussion Items (11:00 AM)
   a. Quota Managed Species
   b. Commercial Striped Bass Management
   c. Federal Fisheries Management Update
   d. Changes to For-Hire Permit Application and Reporting
   e. North Shore Shellfish Relief Program
   f. DMF Decision to Stay Action on V-Notch Petition
7. Other Business and Public Comment (1:00 PM)
8. Adjourn (1:15 PM)

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.

Next Meeting Date

December 17, 2026
SMAST East, New Bedford