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### ASMFC Public Hearings on Striped Bass Draft Addendum I

*Massachusetts Virtual Hearing on December 19, 6PM*

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (ASMFC) is seeking public comment on Draft Addendum I to Amendment 7 to the Atlantic Striped Bass Interstate Fishery Management Plan, which considers allowing voluntary transfers of striped bass ocean commercial quota between states that have ocean quota. The Atlantic coastal states of Maine through North Carolina have scheduled hearings to gather public input, including a virtual hearing for Massachusetts on December 19.

The full schedule of public hearings is provided below. You may register for virtual hearings here: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/1832736777112760332>. See the *Webinar Instructions* later in this advisory for more information.

Date and Hearing Format	State/Agency	Contact
<b>Wednesday, December 7</b> <b><i>In-person Hearing</i></b> 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	<b>New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation</b>  <b><i>Hearing Location:</i></b> NYSDEC Division of Marine Resources 123 Kings Park Blvd (inside Nissequogue River State Park), Kings Park, NY 11754  <i>Note: NYSDEC will provide a listen-only livestream link to be posted on the <a href="#">NYSDEC calendar</a>.</i>	<a href="#">John Maniscalco</a> , 631.444.0437
<b>Thursday, December 8</b> <b><i>Webinar Hearing</i></b> 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	<b>North Carolina Dept. of Marine Fisheries</b>	<a href="#">Chris Batsavage</a> , 252.808.8009
<b>Wednesday, December 14</b> <b><i>Webinar Hearing</i></b> 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	<b>Rhode Island Dept. of Environmental Management</b>	<a href="#">Jason McNamee</a> , 401.222.4700 x2772414

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<b>Thursday, December 15</b> <b>Hybrid Hearing</b> 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	<b>Delaware Division of Fish and Wildlife</b>  <i>Note: This is a hybrid meeting (both in-person and virtual). Please visit the <a href="#">Delaware website to register for virtual webinar participation.</a></i>  <b>In-person Hearing location:</b> Kent County Conservation District 1679 S. Dupont Hwy, Dover, DE 19901	<a href="#">John Clark</a> , 302.739.9108
<b>Monday, December 19</b> <b>Webinar Hearing</b> 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	<b>Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries</b>	<a href="#">Michael Armstrong</a> , 978.619.0012
<b>Tuesday, December 20</b> <b>Webinar Hearing</b> 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	<b>New Jersey Dept. of Environmental Protection</b>	<a href="#">Joe Cimino</a> , 609.748.2063
<b>Thursday, January 5</b> <b>Webinar Hearing</b> 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	<b>Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources,            Virginia Marine Resources Commission,            Potomac River Fisheries Commission &amp;            District of Columbia Dept. of Energy and            Environment</b>	<a href="#">Michael Luisi</a> (MD), 443.758.6547  <a href="#">Pat Geer</a> (VA), 757.247.2236  <a href="#">Martin Gary</a> (PRFC), 804.224.7148  <a href="#">Daniel Ryan</a> (DC), 202.597.1244
<b>Monday, January 9</b> <b>Hybrid Hearing</b> 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.	<b>Maine Dept. of Marine Resources,            New Hampshire Fish and Game Dept.</b>  <i>Note: This is a hybrid meeting (both in-person and virtual). Please follow the below webinar registration instructions to attend virtually.</i>  <b>In-person Hearing location:</b> Urban Forestry Center 45 Elwyn Road, Portsmouth, NH 03801	<a href="#">Megan Ware</a> (ME), 207.446.0932  <a href="#">Cheri Patterson</a> (NH), 603.868.1095

The Board initiated [Draft Addendum I](#) in August 2021 after deciding that changes to the striped bass commercial quota system would not be considered during the ongoing development of Amendment 7. With the adoption of Amendment 7 earlier this year, the Board re-initiated discussions on Draft Addendum I to consider voluntary ocean quota transfers, which could provide some relief to states seeking additional quota. The Draft Addendum proposes a range of options that would permit voluntary transfers of ocean commercial quota, including options based on stock status and options allowing the Board to set criteria for transfers on a regular basis.

## **Webinar Instructions**

For all virtual hearings (except Delaware), please note that in order to comment during virtual webinar hearings you will need to use your computer or download the GoToWebinar app for your phone. Those joining by phone only will be limited to listening to the presentation and will not be able to provide input. In those cases, you can send your comments to staff via [email](#) or U.S. mail at any time during the public comment period. To attend the webinar in listen only mode, dial (213) 493-0005 and enter access code 199-116-984.

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For virtual participation at the Delaware public hearing, please visit the Delaware website to register for the webinar at <https://publicmeetings.delaware.gov/#/meeting/73610>.

For the listen-only livestream of the New York public hearing, the livestream link will be posted to the NYSDEC calendar at <https://www.dec.ny.gov/calendar/>.

## **Hearing Presentation Recording**

For those who cannot attend any in-person or virtual hearings, the Commission will also post a recording of the hearing presentation on the Commission's YouTube page so that stakeholders may watch the presentation and submit comment at any time during the comment process. This recording will be available in early December.

## **Submitting Comments**

The Draft Addendum is available at [http://www.asmfc.org/files/PublicInput/AtlStripedBass\\_DraftAddendumI\\_PublicComment\\_No v2022.pdf](http://www.asmfc.org/files/PublicInput/AtlStripedBass_DraftAddendumI_PublicComment_No v2022.pdf) or via the Commission's website at <http://www.asmfc.org/about-us/public-input>.

All those interested in the management of Atlantic striped bass are encouraged to provide input either by participating in public hearings, which may be conducted via webinar, or providing written comment. Public comment will be accepted until **11:59 PM (EST) on January 13, 2023** and should be sent to Emilie Franke, FMP Coordinator, at 1050 N. Highland St., Suite 200 A-N, Arlington, Virginia 22201; or at [comments@asmfc.org](mailto:comments@asmfc.org) (Subject line: Striped Bass Draft Addendum I).

If your organization is planning to release an action alert in response to the Draft Amendment, please contact Emilie Franke at [efranke@asmfc.org](mailto:efranke@asmfc.org) or 703.842.0740, so she can work with you to develop a unique subject line to enable us to better organize and summarize incoming comments for Board review.