



Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission

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States Schedule Hearings on American Eel Draft Addendum IV

Arlington, VA – Atlantic coastal states from Maine through Georgia have scheduled their hearings to gather public comment on Draft Addendum IV to the Interstate Fishery Management Plan for American Eel. The dates, times, and locations of the scheduled meetings follow.

Maine Department of Marine Resources

June 30, 2014; 10 AM – Noon

Natural Resources Service Center
Conference Room
6 Beech Street
Hallowell, Maine
Contact: Terry Stockwell at 207.624.6553

June 30, 2014; 3 – 5 PM

Jeff's Catering and Event Center
15 Littlefield Way
Brewer, Maine
Contact: Terry Stockwell at 207.624.6553

New Hampshire Fish and Game

*June 23, 2014; 7:30 PM**

Urban Forestry Center
45 Elwyn Street
Portsmouth, New Hampshire
Contact: Doug Grout at 603.868.1095
**Hearing to immediately follow ASMFC Atlantic Herring public hearing which starts at 7 PM.*

Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries

July 1, 2014; 6 – 8 PM

Bourne Public Library Meeting Room
19 Sandwich Road
Bourne, Massachusetts
Contact: Nichola Meserve at 617.626.1531

Rhode Island Division of Fish and Wildlife

June 24, 2014; 6 PM

URI Narragansett Bay Campus
Corless Auditorium
South Ferry Road
Narragansett, Rhode Island
Contact: Phil Edwards at 401.789.0281

Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection

June 24, 2014; 7 PM

Dinosaur State Park
400 West Street
Rocky Hill, Connecticut
Contact: David Simpson at 860.434.6043

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

July 14, 2014; 7 PM

Marine Resources Office
205 North Belle Mead Road
East Setauket, New York
Contact: Carol Hoffman at 631.444.0476

**Informational workshop on American eels to be held at 7 PM on June 30 at the Upper Delaware River Council in Narrowsburg, NY. Contact Kathy Hattala at 845.256.3071 for more details.*

The Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission was formed by the 15 Atlantic coastal states in 1942 for the promotion and protection of coastal fishery resources. The Commission serves as a deliberative body of the Atlantic coastal states, coordinating the conservation and management of nearshore fishery resources, including marine, shell and diadromous species.

New Jersey Division of Fish and Wildlife

*July 10, 2014; 7 PM**

Atlantic County Library

Galloway Branch

306 Jimmie Leeds Road

Galloway, New Jersey

Contact: Russ Allen at 609.748.2020

**Hearing to immediately follow Marine*

Fisheries Council meeting which starts at 4 PM.

**Delaware Department of Natural Resources
& Environmental Control**

July 8, 2014; 7 PM

DNREC Auditorium

89 Kings Highway

Dover, Delaware

Contact: John Clark at 302.739.9914

Maryland Department of Natural Resources

July 2, 2014; 6 – 8 PM

Fisheries Service

Tawes State Office Building, C1 Conference

Room 580 Taylor Avenue

Annapolis, Maryland

Contact: Keith Whiteford at 410.643.6776

Potomac River Fisheries Commission

June 26, 2014; 6:30 PM

222 Taylor Street

Colonial Beach, Virginia

Contact: Ellen Cosby at 804.224.7148

Virginia Marine Resources Commission

June 25, 2014; 6 PM

2600 Washington Avenue, Fourth Floor

Newport News, Virginia

Contact: Rob O'Reilly at 757.247.2247

North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries

June 24, 2014; 6 PM

943 Washington Square Mall

Highway 17

Washington, North Carolina

Contact: Garry Wright at 252.948.3872

**South Carolina Department of Natural
Resources**

June 11, 2014; 6 – 8 PM

SCDNR Marine Resources Auditorium

217 Fort Johnson Rd.

Charleston, South Carolina

Contact: Bill Post at 843.953.9821

The Draft Addendum proposes a wide range of management options with the goal of reducing mortality and increasing the conservation of American eel stocks across all life stages. Specific management options focus on the commercial (glass, yellow, and silver eel life stages) American eel fisheries. Draft Addendum IV is the second management document to respond to the findings of the 2012 benchmark stock assessment indicating the American eel population in U.S. waters is depleted.

Fishermen and other interested groups are encouraged to provide input on Draft Addendum IV by either attending public hearings or providing written comments. The Draft Addendum will be available by June 4th on the Commission website (www.asmfc.org) under *Public Input* or by contacting the Commission at 703.842.0740.

The public comment deadline is 11:59 PM (EST) on July 17, 2014. Comments should be submitted to Kate Taylor, Senior Fishery Management Plan Coordinator, 1050 N. Highland St., Suite 200 A-N, Arlington, VA 22201; 703.842.0741 (FAX) or at comments@asmfc.org (Subject line: American Eel). Final action on the Addendum is scheduled to occur in August. For more information, please contact Kate Taylor at ktaylor@asmfc.org or 703.842.0740.

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