



## NOAA to Host Public Hearings to Solicit Input on Proposed American Lobster Regulations

### NOAA FISHERIES SERVICE

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NOAA Fisheries Service is hosting public hearings to solicit public comment on a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), which analyzes proposed alternatives for management of the American Lobster fishery in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). The proposed alternatives, based on recommendations by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, include establishing limited access programs (LAPs) to limit future access in two lobster management areas and implementation of individual transferable trap programs in these areas.

Monday, May 24, 2010, 3 pm

Gulf of Maine Marine Research Institute, 350 Commercial Street, Portland, ME

Tuesday, May 25, 2010, 3 pm

Urban Forestry Center, 45 Elwyn Road, Portsmouth, NH

Tuesday, June 1, 2010, 3 pm

Chatham Community Center, 702 Main Street, Chatham, MA

Wednesday, June 2, 2010, 3 pm

Narragansett Town Hall Assembly Room, 25 Fifth Street, Narragansett, RI

Monday, June 7, 2010, 3 pm

Riverhead Town Board Room at Town Hall, 200 Howell Avenue, Riverhead, NY

Tuesday, June 8, 2010, 3 pm

Rutgers Cooperative Extension, Cape May Court House, 355 Court House/ South Dennis Road (Route 657), Cape May Court House, NJ

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