

River Herring Technical Expert Working Group (TEWG)
Conference Call and Webinar
September 24, 2015
1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

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Draft Agenda

The times listed are approximate; the order in which these items will be taken is subject to change; other items may be added as necessary.

Meeting Purposes:

- Discuss status of river herring conservation planning initiative.
- Receive updates on TEWG-related initiatives.
- Provide updates on TEWG subgroups and committee efforts.

- 1:00 PM:** Welcome, introductions and getting organized
- Introductions and attendance
 - Opening comments (*D. Borggaard and K. Rootes-Murdy*)
 - Review agenda (*D. Borggaard and K. Rootes-Murdy*)

- 1:05 PM:** River Herring Conservation Planning and TEWG: Updates
- Conservation Planning
 - Updates (e.g., Monitoring, River Herring Data Collection Standardization Meeting) *D. Borggaard and K. Rootes-Murdy, 15 min. including discussion*
 - Related initiatives and/or efforts
 - Cultural Importance of River Herring to the Passamaquoddy People (*Bassett, Passamaquoddy Tribe, 10 min. presentation, 5 min. discussion*)
 - River Herring Avoidance Programs and/or Research (*10 min. presentation, 5 min. discussion for each*)
 - Avoidance in the Atlantic herring and mackerel fisheries
 - Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (MADMF)

- University of Massachusetts Dartmouth School for Marine Science and Technology (SMAST)
 - Avoidance in the longfin squid fishery
 - Cornell Cooperative Extension's Fisheries Program
 - Forecast Tool (NMFS Northeast Fisheries Science Center)
- TEWG Updates¹
 - Full meetings (*D. Borggaard and K. Rootes-Murdy, 5 min*)
 - Subgroups (*10 min. each: ~5 min. update and ~5 min. feedback*)
 - Fisheries (*J. Didden and M.B. Tooley*)
 - Climate Change (*J. Nye and M. Alexander*)
 - Stock Status (*K. Sullivan and M. Bailey*)
 - Genetics/Hybrids/Landlocked populations (*D. Hasselman*)
 - Habitat (*A. Bowden and J. Pierce*)
 - Species Interaction (*E. Schultz*)
 - Ecosystem Integration Committee (*D. Borggaard and J. Hare, ~5 min. update and ~5 min. feedback*)
- General river herring updates and/or initiatives (*5 min*)
 - Open discussion of anything relevant
- Other

3:45 PM Public comment

3:55 PM Wrap up and next steps (e.g., future speakers)

4:00 PM Adjourn

¹ Time allotted is an overestimate of what is typically needed.
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