

Gloucester City Council and Fisheries Commission
Joint Meeting
Jan. 16, 2015, 1 p.m.
Kyrouz Auditorium, Gloucester City Hall

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Agenda: The meeting will be a public forum, chaired jointly by the president of the City Council and the chair of the Fisheries Commission.

Public officials, representatives of the fishing industry both on the water and ashore, and agencies dealing with issues of the fishing industry will be accorded scheduled time slots to give testimony or make presentations.

Members of the public will be accorded time for comment following the scheduled presentations.

Those giving comment are asked to bring written or electronic versions of their remarks for inclusion in the record.

In order to maintain focus and respect people's time, participants will be asked to address the two topics below in their remarks:

- **Topic No. 1:** Short-term assistance and opportunities for the fishing industry.—What can be done to preserve the industry and its required services for the next three to five years, specifically:
 - Opportunities and transitional assistance for fishermen aged 55 and over
 - Opportunities and transitional assistance for fishermen under 55
 - Opportunities and transitional assistance for preserving shoreside businesses and infrastructure
 - Regulatory changes.

- **Topic No. 2:** The long-term direction of the fishery, specifically:
 - What are the realistic expectations for the traditional groundfish fishery?
 - What are the possibilities for transitioning from a high-volume, low-price to low-volume, high-price industry?
 - What are the possibilities for targeting underutilized and comparatively abundant species?
 - What are the possibilities for an increasing share of aquaculture in the industry mix?
 - How large an industry will the likely scenarios support?
 - How much shoreside infrastructure will be required to support the most likely outcome?
 - The City has developed a Port Recovery Plan. How do we implement it? How can government and the industry work together to achieve its goals?

Those persons from the above groups who wish to testify should contact:
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