



# *New England Fishery Management Council*

## *News Release*

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### **New England Fishery Council To Hold Safety Hearings**

Newburyport, MA Following a number of important industry meetings concerning fishing vessel safety procedures, the New England Fishery Management Council will hold its own series of port meetings to discuss how fishery rules might be reexamined to be more risk averse in matters of personal health and safety.

While fishery regulations were not found to be the cause of several recent fishing vessel sinkings and loss of life, New England Fishery Management Council Chairman Frank Blount and Executive Director Paul Howard are encouraging fishermen, interested community members and the public to engage in a constructive dialogue on the topic. The discussions will focus on identifying factors that affect safety and how the Council might better promote safer vessel operations through alternative management strategies.

<b>DATE/TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
<b>Thursday, March 31 5:00 pm</b>	Hotel Viking ( <i>Bellevue Room</i> ) One Bellevue Avenue, <b>Newport, RI</b> 02840 Phone: 401-847-3300 • Fax: 401-848-4864
<b>Friday, April 1 4:00 pm</b>	Radisson Hotel Hyannis 287 Iyannough Road, <b>Hyannis, MA</b> 02601 Phone: 508-771-1700 • Fax: 508-771-5156
<b>Thursday, April 7 3:00 pm</b>	MA Division of Marine Fisheries 30 Emerson Ave., <b>Gloucester, MA</b> 01930 Phone: 978-282-0308 • Fax: 617-727-3337
<b>Friday, April 8 1:00 pm</b>	New Bedford Whaling Museum 18 Johnny Cake Hill, <b>New Bedford, MA</b> 02740 Phone: 508-997-0046 • Fax: 508-997-0018
<b>Monday, April 11 7:00 pm</b>	Urban Forestry Center 45 Elwyn Road, <b>Portsmouth, NH</b> 03801 Phone: 603-431-6774 • Fax: 603-431-5553
<b>Tuesday, April 12 3:30 pm</b>	Portland Fish Exchange 6 Portland Fish Pier, <b>Portland, ME</b> 04101 Phone: 207-773-0017 • Fax: 207-871-0510

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