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Local Fishermen Concerned Over Possible Tuna Listing



The bluefin tuna population has displayed some troubling trends worldwide in recent years, local fishermen have noted. But that doesn't mean listing the species as "endangered" will solve the problem, they say.

A number of fishermen plan to voice this view at meetings being held in Boston and Portland today and tomorrow by the National Marine Fisheries Service's Office of Protected Resources.

The meetings come as a result of a petition filed in May 2010 by the Center for Biological Diversity to list Atlantic bluefin tuna as an endangered species. In September, NMFS decided to explore the issue and the agency has until May to complete its status review.

- [LEARN MORE](#) about the tuna hearings.

Secretary Denies Emergency Haddock Request



Herring fishermen will not be getting more haddock this year through emergency action by the federal government. In a letter written Dec. 21, Secretary of Commerce Gary Locke turned down Rep. Barney Frank's petition to increase the bycatch cap.

"It is true an emergency action could be implemented more quickly than action through the normal Council process and notice-and-comment rulemaking. However emergency action still would require several analyses," Locke wrote. "Given the time required for such analyses, an emergency action could not be implemented in time to

govern the fishery before the end of this year."

Locke reminded Rep. Frank that the New England Fishery Management Council is already pursuing a permanent solution through "Framework 47," which is scheduled for discussion at the council meeting later this month.

"This will allow time for public discourse and for the Council to consider competing interests related to the haddock allocation," Locke went on to write. "The Council can then take appropriate action that supports both access to the resource and sustainable management."

- [READ](#) Secretary Locke's letter.
- [LEARN MORE](#) about our herring campaign.

Catch Shares on the Table at Monkfish Hearing



The National Marine Fisheries Service will hold a meeting in Hyannis next Monday to explore the idea of converting the monkfish fishery into a catch share system. CCCHFA staff members and local fishermen will be on hand to tell NMFS what is and isn't working in the fishery and what changes they'd like to see.

The monkfish fishery is important on the Cape, as many local fishermen travel as far south as New Jersey in the winter months to supplement their income.

The meeting will be held at 3 p.m. on Jan. 10 at the Holiday Inn.

- [VISIT THE NEFMC WEBSITE](#) under "What's New" to learn more.

Upcoming Events:

New England Fishery Management Council



WHEN: January 25-27, 2011

WHERE: Sheraton Harborside, Portsmouth, N.H.

Visit www.nefmc.org for more information.

CCCHFA Annual Meeting



WHEN: March 9, 2011, 9 a.m.

WHERE: Chatham Community Center, 702 Main St.

RSVP: To Jenna, 508.945.2432, jenna@cchfa.org



Welcome, Missy

The Hook family will welcome **Melissa Clarke** on Jan. 17 as our new director of finance and accounting. Missy will work with outgoing director Nat Mason for several months before he officially retires.

Originally from Brewster, Missy left the Cape for school, earning her bachelor's degree in corporate finance and accounting and master's degree in accountancy from Bentley University in Waltham. Prior to joining the CCCHFA team, Missy worked as an assurance associate at Ernst & Young, an international public accounting firm.

"I'm excited to join the Hook team and contribute to its mission of protecting the local fishing heritage," Missy said.



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