



February 12, 2021

Notice of Public Comment Period and Virtual Public Meeting

Massachusetts Shellfish Initiative – Review of DRAFT MSI Strategic Plan

At the request of the Massachusetts Shellfish Initiative (MSI) Task Force, the MSI Strategic Plan working group has developed a draft MSI Strategic Plan for public comment. The draft plan is the product of an iterative and collaborative process initiated with the goal of enhancing the economic, environmental, and social benefits of shellfish resources to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and its residents. Recommended actions included in the draft Strategic Plan were developed to address the growing and competing demands and management challenges associated with the Commonwealth's shellfish resources, and were derived from information included in the [MSI Scoping and Assessment Reports](#).

The MSI Task Force encourages the public to review the draft Strategic Plan and to submit comments related to the proposed recommended actions and/or comments related to additional actions that may support the established MSI goals and objectives. Comments will be reviewed by the MSI Strategic Plan Work Group prior to the submission of a final draft to the MSI Task Force.

The draft Strategic Plan document is available online: <https://bit.ly/3jGredq>

Public Comment Period and Public Meeting Schedule

The MSI Task Force will accept written public comments through **5 p.m. on Friday March 5, 2021.**

Please address all written comments to MSI Chairman Daniel McKiernan.

Written public comment may be submitted one of two ways:

- 1) Online, via google form link: <https://forms.gle/3FZNCakmfS9Cj1D56>
- 2) E-mailed under the subject "Public Comment on MSI Strategic Plan" and sent to MassShellfishInitiative@gmail.com

There is also a **virtual public meeting of the strategic plan work group** scheduled for **Monday February 22, 2021 at 6 p.m.**

The public meeting will be held virtually via Zoom. A brief overview of the draft Strategic Plan will be presented, followed by time for the public to ask questions and make comments on the document.

To attend the virtual public meeting, please use the link or call in information provided below. On Feb 23rd, a recording of the meeting will be published to the [MSI website](#).

Public Meeting Login Information

Login Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82325439903?pwd=WlN4WWdCNjRiRDhseTdyTXZsVzROUT09>

Call In Number: +1 312 626 6799 or +1 929 436 2866

Webinar ID: 823 2543 9903

Passcode: 004581

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If you have any questions, email MassShellfishInitiative@gmail.com