



## PELAGIC FISHERIES: U.S. AND EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVES AND SHARED EXPERIENCES

The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council will hold a workshop in collaboration with the European Union's Pelagic Advisory Council. The objective of the workshop is to provide a forum for U.S. and European fishermen, managers, and scientists to interact and discuss possible solutions to the complex problems associated with the small-mesh pelagic fisheries in their countries. The workshop will involve a combination of presentations, group discussions, and field trips designed to give participants first-hand knowledge of local fishery operations and issues. Additional information and updates will be posted on the Council's website at <http://www.mafmc.org/workshop/us-eu-pelagics-workshop>.

### Agenda

**April 30 – May 3, 2018**

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Gloucester, MA 01930  
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#### **Monday, April 30**

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**5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.**      **Welcome Reception**  
*Gloucester House Restaurant, 63 Rogers St, Gloucester, MA 01930*

#### **Tuesday, May 1**

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**9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.**      **Introduction and Welcome** (Chris Moore, MAFMC Executive Director, and Mike Pentony, GARFO Regional Administrator)

**9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.**      **Overview of the relevant fisheries, their management, bycatch issues, and stakeholder participation** (Jason Didden and Verena Ohms)

**10:15 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**      **Implications of Ecosystem Approaches to Fishery Management (EAFM) for pelagic fisheries** (Sarah Gaichas, NEFSC)

**11:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.**      **Recent/upcoming NMFS Science Center Socio-Economic work on EAFM and/or bycatch** (Min-Yang Lee, NEFSC)

<b>11:45 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Roundtable discussion on EAFM issues - U.S./European perspectives</b>
<b>12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Site visits in Gloucester, MA</b>
<b>2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Swan Net</b> <i>41 Great Republic Dr., Gloucester, MA 01930</i>
<b>3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Cape Seafood</b> <i>3 State Fish Pier, Gloucester, MA 01930</i>

### **Wednesday, May 2**

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<b>9:00 a.m. – 9:10 a.m.</b>	<b>Day 2 Overview</b>
<b>9:10 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Bycatch 1: Gear/Mesh approaches</b> (Shannon Bayse, UMass)
<b>9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Bycatch 2: Communication and fishermen behavior-based approaches – Shoreside Monitoring</b> (Dave Bethoney, SMAST; Brad Schondelmeier, Mass DMF; and Gerry O’Neil, Cape Seafoods)
<b>10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Bycatch 3: Electronic Monitoring</b> (Nicole Rossi, NEFSC; Morgan Wealti, Saltwater Inc.)
<b>11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Roundtable discussion on bycatch issues – U.S./European perspectives</b>
<b>12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Industry involvement in surveys/assessment</b> (Jon Hare, NEFSC Director)
<b>2:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Role of acoustics in U.S. science/management</b> (Mike Jech, NEFSC)
<b>3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Open discussion/public comment</b>
<b>4:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Recap</b>

### **Thursday, May 3**

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<b>9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Wrap-up, open discussion, public comment</b>
<b>11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Travel to New Bedford / Lunch on the way</b>
<b>1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Tour of the Buyers and Sellers Exchange (the Auction)</b> <i>62 Hassey Street, New Bedford 02740; <a href="http://www.baseseafood.com">www.baseseafood.com</a></i>

- 2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.**      **Tour of the NORPEL Pelagics Processing Plant**  
*4 Fish Island, New Bedford 02740; [www.norpel.com](http://www.norpel.com)*
- 3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**      **Tour of the New Bedford Whaling Museum**  
*18 Johnny Cake Hill, New Bedford 02740; [www.whalingmuseum.org](http://www.whalingmuseum.org)*
- 6:00 p.m.**                      **Dinner**  
*The Waterfront Grille, 36 Homer's Wharf, New Bedford, MA 02740*