



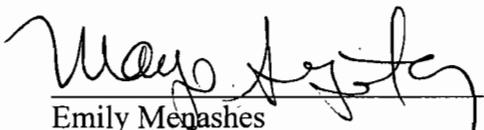
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National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Announces Additional Public Hearings for a Proposed Rule to Update Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) Requirements in Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Fisheries

The NMFS published a proposed rule in the Federal Register on June 21, 2011 (76 FR 36071), concerning modifications to VMS requirements in Atlantic HMS fisheries. The proposed rule contained information on public hearings being held in Saint Petersburg, FL, New Orleans/Kenner, LA, and Atlantic City, NJ. NMFS is adding additional public hearings in Manteo, NC, and Peabody, MA, based on requests by constituents. The additional hearings will provide additional opportunity for public comment during the comment period. The public comment period ends on August 1, 2011.

The dates and locations for the Manteo, NC, and Peabody, MA, public hearings are in the table below. These hearings are being held in conjunction with the previously planned public hearings for the electronic dealer reporting proposed rule (76 FR 37750).

Location	Date	Time	Address
Manteo, NC	July 11, 2011	5:00 – 8:00 p.m.	Manteo Town Hall 407 Budleigh St. Manteo, NC 27954
Peabody, MA	July 26, 2011	1:00 – 4:00 p.m.	Peabody Institute-West Branch 603 Lowell Street Peabody, MA 01960


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