

MEDIA ADVISORY

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DCR CUTS RIBBON AT PONKAPOAG DAM

Dam rehabilitation project improves public safety and provides environmental benefits

WHAT: Commissioner Rick Sullivan will join officials from the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) to celebrate the reopening of the Ponkapoag Dam, which has undergone a complete rehabilitation to improve public safety and to enhance environmental benefits.

The newly rehabbed dam will allow DCR to more effectively and efficiently regulate pond water levels for environmental enrichment. The Ponkapoag Dam protects wild life habitat for rare state-listed species that depend on the unique Ponkapoag Bog and the adjacent wetland communities.

WHEN: Wednesday
June 10, 2009
10 a.m.

WHERE: Ponkapoag Golf Course
2167 Washington Street
Canton

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The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), an agency of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, oversees 450,000 acres of parks and forests, beaches, bike trails, watersheds, and dams, in addition to 278 bridges and miles of roadways. Led by Commissioner Richard K. Sullivan Jr., the agency's mission is to protect, promote, and enhance our common wealth of natural, cultural, and recreational resources. To learn more about DCR, our facilities, and our programs, please visit www.mass.gov/dcr. Contact us at mass.parks@state.ma.us