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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURAL RESOURCES ("MDAR") HEREBY GIVES NOTICE OF A GENERAL HEARING, PURSUANT TO M.G.L. C.30A, § 2 and 950 CMR 20.04, which require the Commissioner of MDAR to hold a public hearing to amend the following regulation: 330 CMR 8.00, APIARY INSPECTION REGULATIONS ("Regulation"). The purpose of this Regulation is to make changes that are needed to the current apiary regulation given the need for healthy honey bee populations in the Commonwealth since they are the key components in sustaining agricultural food production. This revised regulation allows for better methods to track and prevent the spread of disease ensuring healthy honey bee populations.

All persons desiring to provide oral testimony are hereby notified to appear upon the following date and time at the respective designated location:

Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, 1 Rabbit Hill Road, Richard Cronin Building Room 110, Westborough, MA, for a public hearing to be held on October 20, 2016, from 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

In addition to oral testimony, written comments will be accepted before and at the Hearing. MDAR will continue to accept written comments until October 20, 2016, at 5:00 P.M. Written comments should be addressed to Taryn LaScola, Director, Division of the Division of Crop and Pest Services, Department of Agricultural Resources, 251 Causeway Street, Suite 500, Boston, MA 02114.

The full text of the regulations and background information is available at <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/agr/proposed-amendments-to-regulations.html>. A hard copy of the full text of the regulation and background information are also available upon written request made to at the address set forth above.

By: John Lebeaux, Commissioner