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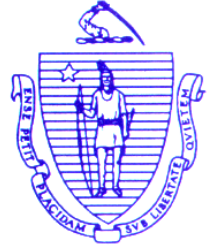
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Public Hearing Notice Harwich Recreational Fishing Reef Project and Closing Reef Site and Adjacent Buffer Zone to Commercial Fishing

Under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A and pursuant to the authority found at M.G.L. c. 130 § 17A, the Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) and the Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission have scheduled a public hearing and a public comment period to accept comment on recently filed emergency regulations that 322 CMR 8.00.

The emergency regulations prohibit all commercial fishing on a 39.54 acre square shaped site in Nantucket Sound south of Saquatucket Harbor in Harwich. This closed area is comprised of a 9.9 acre recreational fishing reef being built by DMF, as well as an adjacent buffer zone. A map and coordinates are available through DMF.

Public Hearing Schedule

6:00 PM

Wednesday, March 23

Griffin Room, Harwich Town Hall

732 Main Street

Harwich, MA 02645

Instructions for Written Comments

Written public comments will be accepted until noon of Friday, April 1, 2016. Please address all comments to Director David Pierce. Comments can be sent by e-mail to marine.fish@state.ma.us or by mail to 251 Causeway Street, Suite 400, Boston, MA 02114. To obtain a full copy of the draft regulations or a map depicting the closed area, contact Jared Silva by phone (617-626-1534) or through e-mail (jared.silva@state.ma.us).