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**Division of Fisheries and Wildlife's Winter Bald Eagle Survey Tomorrow**

**WHAT:** As part of its participation in a nationwide Midwinter Bald Eagle Survey, the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife (DFW), an agency of the Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game, will conduct a concentrated survey of the Massachusetts coast and major rivers, lakes, and reservoirs. In addition to ground teams of DFW staff and volunteers, the count will be aided by an aerial survey of the Quabbin Reservoir and Connecticut River made possible by a helicopter supplied by National Grid, a partner in the Commonwealth's bald eagle restoration efforts since 1982.

**WHO:** DFW staff will be available to answer questions and report sightings throughout the day:

- Tony Gola, DFW Western District, 413-447-9789
- Ralph Taylor, DFW Connecticut Valley District, 413-209-2734
- Bridgett McAlice, DFW Central District, 508-835-3607 or 508-868-0344
- Jason Zimmer, DFW Southeast District, 617-875-5376
- Kathleen Anderson, Chair of DFW's Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Advisory Committee, 774-766-2196

**WHEN:** **Wednesday January 16, 2008 Time: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

Best eagle viewing opportunities include:

- Enfield Lookout at Quabbin Reservoir, Belchertown 10 to noon. DFW Connecticut Valley District Supervisor Ralph Taylor will be available on site.
- Merrimack River at Cashman Park Boat Ramp, Newburyport. At 2:30, Steve Wright and Mike Hugenin of DFW's Northeast District Office will be available on site.
- Great Quitticas and Pocksha Pond, Lakeville, all day. Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Advisory Committee Chair Kathleen Anderson will be available either at Long Point Road on the causeway between Pocksha Pond and Great Quitticas Pond or in The Winberg's Hardware parking lot on Route 105. (Cell phone above.)

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- **Preliminary totals** for Wednesday's eagle count will be available 3:30 - 4 p.m. by calling Tom French or Marion Larson at DFW's Field Headquarters, 508-389-6355 or 508-389-6311.

**WHERE:** Statewide

**DIRECTIONS:** For directions to the viewing locations above, contact Marion Larson at 508-389-6311.

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