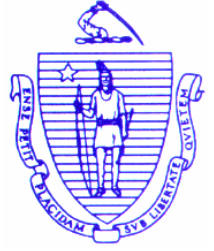




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**RESCHEDULED SOFT SHELL CLAM MEETING –
Informational Meeting Rescheduled for February 2, 2006 on
Boston Harbor Soft Shell Clam Contaminated Harvesting**

TO ALL INTERESTED IN MANAGEMENT OF BOSTON HARBOR SOFT SHELL CLAM CONTAMINATED FISHERY:

The Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (*Marine Fisheries*) has rescheduled an Informational Meeting on clamming in Boston Harbor for Thursday, February 2nd (1PM) at the Division's Annisquam River Marine Fisheries Station in Gloucester. Please note that this is a revised meeting date - *Marine Fisheries* previously announced a meeting for February 10th in an advisory dated January 9, 2006, but due to extenuating circumstances this meeting is now scheduled for Thursday, February 2, 2006 (1PM). *Marine Fisheries* apologizes for any inconvenience.

All interested parties, particularly all Master and Subordinate diggers are invited to attend to hear about and discuss management of the Boston Harbor soft shell clam contaminated fishery. Topics will include an overview of the rainfall policy, explanation of the Shellfish Plant depuration cycle, NSSP depuration sampling requirements, Boston digging schedule and area rotation, Boston Harbor classification, NSSP area monitoring requirements, recent Boston Harbor production and a review of *Marine Fisheries* moderately contaminated harvest requirements, rules and regulations ([322 CMR 7.00](#), [322 CMR 10.00](#)) as well as a discussion of established plant policies.

All diggers and dealers interested in this fishery are encouraged to attend this meeting.

The meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, February 2, 2006 (1PM) at the Annisquam River Marine Fisheries Station Conference Room (30 Emerson Ave, Gloucester).

For further information including rules and regulations please visit our website at www.mass.gov/marinefisheries or contact Mike Hickey at 508-563-1779 or Jeff Kennedy at 978-282-0308 x165 or 978-465-3553 x320.