

## Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## **Division of Marine Fisheries**

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MarineFisheries Advisory

DMF to Host Additional Whelk Management Meeting Scheduled for March 30, 2016 in Edgartown



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Due to inclement weather, many island fishermen were unable to attend DMF's whelk management meeting on Saturday, January 23, 2016. As the whelk fishery is important to many island fishermen, the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) has scheduled an additional whelk management meeting for:

March 30, 2016 9:00 AM Edgartown Town Hall 70 Main Street Edgartown, MA

The purpose of this meeting will be to address whelk fishery management and compliance issues. Of specific interest is discussing how to improve the method for gauging whelks, as well as gear loss and trap tag replacement. DMF will also listen to comments from the industry on whelk management issues. The original meeting notice can be found on DMF's website.

For more information about fluke management, please visit our website: <a href="https://www.mass.gov/marinefisheries">www.mass.gov/marinefisheries</a>