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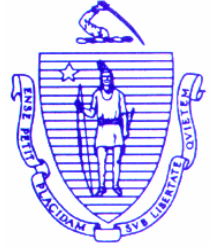
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Marine Fisheries Advisory to Massachusetts Bay Lobstermen **Habitat Enhancement Construction**

The Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (*Marine Fisheries*) will begin the construction of a cobble/boulder reef in Boston Harbor on March 1st, 2006. The reef construction has been planned as part of a mitigation effort to enhance habitat for lobsters and finfish in an area adjacent to the HubLine, a natural gas pipeline built by Algonquin Gas Transmission Company.

We will be placing **orange or yellow poly balls** to mark each corner of this site during construction. Please refer to the map (below) in this notice to review the reef's location (Site 29). In order to avoid conflicts during the construction process, we are asking if you would avoid setting trawls in the 2 acre marked section. If gear is set in the construction area during March or April of 2006, it will be at your own risk. While *Marine Fisheries* and its contractors will strive to avoid damaging the gear during the work, including removing and re-setting the gear to a safer location if necessary, *Marine Fisheries* accepts no liability for damage to any gear during the work, or during the removal and re-setting of gear. Construction is expected to be complete by the end of March, although it could extend into April (weather-dependant).

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have any questions about this work please contact Julie Barber (julie.barber@state.ma.us, 508-563-1779 ext. 148) or Robert Glenn (robert.glenn@state.ms.us) at *Marine Fisheries*' South Shore Field Station. Please visit our website for further information on the site selection process and project goals. <http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dmf/programsandprojects/hubline/sediment.htm#hub>

Reef corner coordinates (poly balls will be set outside these boundaries to allow space for the construction barge and vessels):

A: -70°54'23.84 42°20'38.48

B: -70°54'21.98 42°20'37.62

C: -70°54'25.37 42°20'33.84

D: -70°54'27.27 42°20'34.67

