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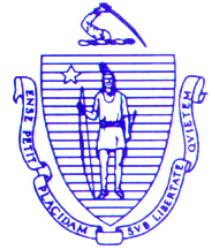
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Marine Fisheries Advisory

### **PUBLIC MEETING SCHEDULED TO PROVIDE INFORMATION AND TRAINING REGARDING 2018 VP CONTROL PLAN FOR OYSTERS**

Four public meetings have been scheduled to solicit comments and provide information on the [2018 Massachusetts \*Vibrio parahaemolyticus\* \(Vp\) Control Plan for Oysters](#). No changes to the plan or implementing regulations are being proposed for the 2018 season, but all aquaculturists and wild harvesters who commercially harvest oysters between May 19 and October 19 are encouraged to attend. The meetings will include a recap of the 2017 Vp control season and a review of the Vp control plan and implementing regulations.

The Vp Control Plan is intended to control the post-harvest growth of Vp bacteria in oysters to prevent Vp related illnesses. The plan was developed by the Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game, Division of Marine Fisheries and the Department of Public Health, Bureau of Environmental Health, Food Protection Program in conjunction with the Massachusetts shellfish industry in order to protect public health and comply with the requirements of the National Shellfish Sanitation Program.

#### **Industry Vibrio Outreach Public Meeting Schedule**

10AM

Tuesday, April 24, 2018  
Barnstable County Complex  
Harborview Room  
3195 Main St., Barnstable, MA 02630

9AM

Wednesday, April 25, 2018  
Plymouth Public Library  
Otto Fellow Room  
132 South St., Plymouth, MA 02360

2:30PM

Wednesday, April 25, 2018  
Tisbury Town Hall  
Katharine Cornell Theater  
51 Spring St., Tisbury, MA 02568

11AM

Thursday, April 26, 2018  
Eastham Town Hall  
Earl Mountain Room  
2500 State Hwy, Eastham, MA 02651

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