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Marine Fisheries Advisory

DMF expected to announce Monday April 27 if the Cape Cod Bay fixed gear closure may be extended

The 3-month closure to commercial and recreational lobster fishing off Cape Cod is scheduled to end after April 30th. This closure is intended to minimize the co-occurrence of right whales and lobster gear to avoid entanglements and serious injuries to endangered northern right whales. Given favorable weather forecasts, surveys are scheduled for this weekend to determine if right whales remain in the area and if an extension of the closure is warranted. Lobster fishermen and other interested parties are urged to check the DMF web site at the close of business on Monday, April 27th to determine if the Director enacted any extension of the closure.