



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE  
NORTHEAST REGION  
One Blackburn Drive  
Gloucester, MA 01930-2298

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Dear Friend of Robert "Stubby" Knowles,

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the City of Gloucester would like to cordially invite you to attend the presentation of the NOAA Hero Award to the family of Robert "Stubby" Knowles.

Stubby was Gloucester's shellfish warden for over 33 years and was considered by all those who knew him, to be the patriarch of coastal wetland protection and restoration throughout this region of Massachusetts. Please join us in this opportunity to say thank you to Stubby for all of public and volunteer service throughout his life.

The award presentation will be followed by a ceremonial ground-breaking by Federal, State and local partners of the Dun Fudgin intertidal restoration project that was championed by Stubby.

The award presentation and project groundbreaking will take place on May 2 at 10:00 am on the shore of the Annisquam River at the Dun Fudgin Boat Ramp, located off Emerson Ave in Gloucester. In case of heavy rain, the event will move to the conference room in the nearby Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries field office located at 30 Emerson Avenue.

Sincerely,

Patricia Kurkul  
Regional Administrator

John Bell  
Mayor of Gloucester, MA



**Stubby Knowles NOAA Hero Award and the Dun Fudgin Intertidal  
Restoration Project**

May 2, 2005, 10:00 am

WELCOME

The Honorable John Bell  
*Mayor of Gloucester*

SPEAKER AGENDA

Senator Bruce Tarr  
*First Essex and Middlesex District*

Representative Anthony Verga  
*Fifth Essex District*

Patricia Kurkul  
*Regional Administrator  
National Marine Fisheries Service*

Paul Diodati  
*Director  
Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries*

Peter Shelley  
*Director of Massachusetts Advocacy  
Conservation Law Foundation*

**All**

Ground Breaking of the Dun Fudgin Habitat Restoration Project

For additional information about this event or the Dun Fudgin restoration project please contact Eric Hutchins at 978-281-9313 or [Eric.Hutchins@noaa.gov](mailto:Eric.Hutchins@noaa.gov)