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### **Marine Fisheries Advisory**

#### **SBA TO PROVIDE RED TIDE RELIEF**

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In response to the ongoing Red Tide event impacting Massachusetts shellfishermen, the Small Business Administration will be issuing low-interest loans to qualified individuals. Application workshops are currently being held throughout the Commonwealth. For further information please see the following information provided by the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency's (MEMA) or visit their website at [www.mass.gov/mema](http://www.mass.gov/mema).

Governor Mitt Romney recently lauded the Small Business Administration's (SBA) decision to recognize the plight of Massachusetts shell-fishermen from the New Hampshire state line to Cape Cod and the Islands. The Red Tide Bloom, which began April 27, 2005, is responsible for the closing of a number of shell-fishing beds throughout the entire region, resulting in damages and losses to those in the commercial shell-fishing industry.

In response to Governor Romney's certification of the economic impact, the Small Business Administration (SBA) has issued a federal disaster declaration for the Massachusetts counties of Barnstable, Bristol, Dukes, Essex, Middlesex, Nantucket, Norfolk, Plymouth, and Suffolk. The SBA is making low-interest economic injury disaster loans (EIDLs), which will provide working capital, available to the small businesses affected by this event. SBA representatives will be available at workshops, throughout the region, to issue loan applications and provide information about SBA's loan program.

Loan applications may also be requested at an SBA Workshop or by calling 1-800-659-2955. Applications are also available at SBA's website, [www.sba.gov/disaster](http://www.sba.gov/disaster). The deadline for submitting applications is March 14, 2006.

See next page for a schedule of SBA workshops

For further information on red tide please visit [www.mass.gov/marinefisheries](http://www.mass.gov/marinefisheries).

COUNTY	DATES / TIMES / LOCATIONS	DIRECTIONS
BARNSTABLE	<p><u>YARMOUTH TOWN HALL (Hearing Room)</u> 1146 Route 28, South Yarmouth, MA (508) 398-2231 x71 (Judy) <b>MON. JUNE 20 thru TUE. JUNE 21, 2005</b> <b>(9 AM - 6 PM)</b></p> <p><u>WELLFLEET TOWN HALL (Hearing Room)</u> 300 Main Street, Wellfleet, MA (508) 349-0349 (Rex Petersen) <b>WED. JUNE 22 thru FRI. JUNE 24, 2005</b> <b>(9 AM - 4 PM)</b></p>	<p><u>YARMOUTH TOWN HALL</u> Take Rte. 495 South to Rte. 6 (Mid-Cape). Rte. 6 to Exit 8 (Yarmouth/Dennis). Take right at end of ramp onto Station Ave. At 3rd set of lights take right onto Rte. 28. Town Hall is approx 1/4 mile on right pass State Police.</p> <p><u>WELLFLEET TOWN HALL</u> Rte. 6 East to Main Street, Wellfleet. Take left on Main St. Approx 1/4 mile bear right towards Town Center.</p>
DUKES (MV)	<p><u>WESTLY HOTEL</u> 70 Lake Street, Oaks Bluff, MA / Hotel # 508-693-6611 or 693-6766 <b>WED. JUNE 22 thru FRI. JUN. 24, 2005</b> <b>(11 AM - 6 PM)</b></p>	<p>Take Ferry from Wood's Hole to Martha's Vineyard Island Highline Ferry 1-800-492-8082</p>
ESSEX	<p><u>ANNISQUAM RIVER STATION</u> 30 Emerson Avenue, Gloucester (617) 727-3336 <b>FRI. JUNE 17 - FRI. JUNE 24, 2005</b> <b>(9 AM - 5 PM)</b></p>	<p>Take Rte. 128 North. At rotary (Grant Circle) take first right onto Washington St. (near Friendly's). Take right onto Centennial St. (before George's Coffee Shop). Go over train bridge onto Emerson Ave. Annisquam River Station is the last building on the left.</p>
NANTUCKET	<p><u>MARINE COASTAL REOURCES FACILITY</u> Dave Fonzo, Coordinator 508-958-7280 <b>MON. JUNE 20 thru TUE. JUNE 21, 2005</b> <b>(11 AM - 5 PM)</b></p>	<p>Take the 9:15 AM Ferry to Nantucket Island Highline Ferry 1-800-492-8082</p>
NORFOLK	<p><u>QUINCY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY</u> 1 Merrymount Parkway, Quincy (617) 376-1105 (Tom Gorman) <b>MON. JUNE 20, 2005</b> <b>(9 AM - 1 PM)</b></p>	<p>From Rte. 93 take the Furnace Brook Pkwy. exit. Follow Furnace Brook Pkwy. for 5 sets of lights. Turn left onto Merrymount Pkwy. Take first right into the Richard J. Koch Park and Recreation Complex (Adams Field). Turn right at the gate, building is on your right side.</p>
PLYMOUTH	<p><u>REED COMMUNITY CENTER</u> 33A Summer Street, Kingston (508) 585-0533 <b>FRI. JUNE 17 thru FRI. JUNE 24, 2005</b> <b>(9 AM - 5 PM)</b></p>	<p>From Rte. 3 North or South, take Exit 9. At end of ramp take right onto 3A North. Go thru two sets of lights. Reed Community Center is .8 mile on right.</p>