



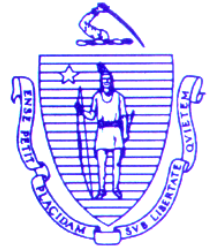
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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE:

Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Special Permit for an Experimental Kelp Farm Array in Nantucket Sound

The Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) has scheduled a public hearing and comment period to accept public input on a special permit application for the installation of a novel macroalgae-farming array in the southern portions of Horseshoe Shoal within the boundaries of the Cape Wind lease area. The proposed site is approximately 1 nautical mile north of the East-West Main Channel that transects Nantucket Sound. The site lays 7.5 nautical miles SE of Sucoonnisset Point on Cape Cod and 4.0 nautical miles ENE of Cape Poge on Martha's Vineyard. The location is 500 yards NE of the Cape Wind Met Tower.

DMF will review comments to evaluate stakeholder concerns about the proposed experimental project and to determine if modifications to location, gear marking, and gear design, or other features of the project, may be warranted. Written public comments will be accepted until 5:00 PM on September 1st, and a public hearing will be held on August 24th at 6 pm at DoubleTree Hotel, 287 Iyannough Rd, Hyannis, MA 02601. Please address all comments to Director David Pierce. Comments can be sent by e-mail to marine.fish@state.ma.us or by mail to 251 Causeway Street, Suite 400, Boston, MA 02114.

A full copy of the permit application can be found on [DMF's website](#) or can be obtained by contacting Jared Silva by phone (617-626-1534) or through e-mail (jared.silva@state.ma.us).