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## August 24, 2005 <u>MarineFisheries Advisory</u>

## FALL RESOURCE ASSESSMENT SURVEY TO BEGIN SEPT 6<sup>TH</sup> – *MARINEFISHERIES* REQUESTS FISHERMEN'S COOPERATION

The Division of Marine Fisheries (*MarineFisheries*) will commence its semi-annual resource assessment trawl survey on September  $6^{th}$ . The survey, conducted in the spring and fall, provides information for many uses including stock assessments and environmental reviews. It is critical to the integrity of the survey that *MarineFisheries* maintain access to sampling sites.

*MarineFisheries* asks that all fixed gear fishermen review the attached table of station location details, which plot the locations of all selected sample sites from north of Cape Ann to Cape Cod. Further details including charts of the station locations are available on the *MarineFisheries* website by clicking on the following link:

http://www.mass.gov/dfwele/dmf/marinefisheriesnotices/tow\_locations\_fall\_2005.pdf. *MarineFisheires* requests that all fixed gear be kept clear of a 1.5 nautical mile diameter circle surrounding station locations for the indicated periods.

*MarineFisheries* will make every attempt to complete stations during the assigned period to minimize inconvenience to fixed gear fishermen. Fishermen can contact the R/V Gloria Michelle on VHF channels 13 or 16 to determine the updated daily schedule. In the event of a delay due to weather, we will resume our schedule as soon as working conditions are safe. Personnel aboard the NOAA R/V Gloria Michelle (65' western rigged steel stern trawler with a blue hull and white deckhouse) will carefully check each site for marked gear by cruising along a selected tow path at least once before the net is set. We encourage communicating helpful information to the R/V officers (via channels 13 or 16).

As reported in the past, *MarineFisheries* is prepared to attach restrictions to permit renewals (under 322 CMR 7.01 (7)) mandating that fixed gear not be set on designated trawl survey sites for the dates stipulated. It remains our hope that this action will be unnecessary.

For further information please contact *MarineFisheries* at 617.626.1520 or visit our website at: <u>www.mass.gov/marinefisheires</u>.

Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries - 2005 Fall Trawl Survey Station Locations Cape Cod Bay - East of Cape Cod Range of

			Range of				
General Location	General Description	Depth	Dates		Center of Tow Area		
				Latitude	Longitude	Loran	
East of Cape Cod	Nauset Harbor	0-30'	13-16 Sept	41°50.20	69°56.04	13791.8/44005.0	
	Highlands	0-30'	13-16 Sept	41°58.57	69°59.48	13772.0/44059.1	
	E of Peaked Hill Bar	31-60'	13-16 Sept	42°05.05	70°07.17	13786.0/44108.5	
	Nauset Beach	31-60'	13-16 Sept	41°45.21	69°54.97	13808.8/43973.8	
	Chatham	31-60'	13-16 Sept	41°39.50	69°54.27	13830.7/43938.5	
	Nauset Beach	61-90'	13-16 Sept	41°42.51	69°52.56	13807.3/43954.3	
	Highlands	61-90'	13-16 Sept	42°01.47	70°00.69	13765.1/44077.8	
	N of Peaked Hill Bar	91-120'	13-16 Sept	42°06.09	70°09.46	13794.5/44118.1	
	E of Nauset Harbor	91-120'	13-16 Sept	41°50.07	69°53.46	13777.6/44000.5	
	E of Nauset Harbor	91-120'	13-16 Sept	41°48.02	69°53.11	13785.1/43987.9	
	N of Peaked Hill Bar	121-180'	13-16 Sept	42°06.65	70°09.65	13793.0/44121.6	
	N of Peaked Hill Bar	121-180'	13-16 Sept	42°07.55	70°10.66	13794.6/44128.4	
	W of Peaked Hill Bar	121-180'	13-16 Sept	42°06.15	70°12.98	13815.3/44124.1	
Cape Cod Bay	Humarock	0-30'	6-8 Sept	42°08.50	70°41.05	13976.1/44184.7	
	Warrens Cove	0-30'	6-8 Sept	41°57.45	70°36.30	13998.0/44110.7	
	E of Ellisville Harbor	0-30'	6-8 Sept	41°50.83	70°31.20	13996.7/44062.1	
	E of Sagamore Beach	31-60'	6-14 Sept	41°48.08	70°27.92	13989.1/44040.1	
	N of Barnstable Harbor	31-60'	6-14 Sept	41°46.69	70°16.77	13928.8/44014.5	
	N of Barnstable Harbor	31-60'	6-14 Sept	41°47.64	70°15.05	13914.4/44017.7	
	E of Cape Cod Canal	61-90'	6-14 Sept	41°46.54	70°23.80	13971.3/44024.2	
	E of Cape Cod Canal	61-90'	6-14 Sept	41°47.48	70°25.50	13977.3/44032.6	
	SE of Manomet Point	61-90'	6-14 Sept	41°54.19	70°28.50	13965.2/44078.3	
	NE of Manomet Point	91-120'	6-14 Sept	41°57.16	70°28.99	13951.6/44094.6	
	Cape Cod Bay	91-120'	6-14 Sept	41°52.97	70°21.51	13928.6/44059.8	
	SE of Manomet Point	91-120'	6-14 Sept	41°52.50	70°26.60	13961.4/44065.0	
	E of Green Harbor	121-180'	6-14 Sept	42°03.62	70°31.85	13942.0/44140.2	
	E of Green Harbor	121-180'	6-14 Sept	42°03.75	70°29.84	13929.1/44137.7	
	E of Green Harbor	121-180'	6-14 Sept	42°03.22	70°26.35	13910.3/44128.8	
	Billingsgate shoal	0-30'	6-14 Sept	41°50.49	70°09.56	13869.1/44026.7	
	W of Great Island	0-30'	6-14 Sept	41°55.66	70°06.08	13824.5/44052.1	
	W of Griffin Island	31-60'	6-14 Sept	41°56.24	70°07.37	13829.4/44057.5	
	W of Great Island	31-60'	6-14 Sept	41°54.86	70°07.88	13838.9/44050.1	
	N of Sesuit Harbor	31-60'	6-14 Sept	41°47.48	70°11.25	13892.6/44011.1	
	W of Billingsgate	61-90'	6-14 Sept	41°51.78	70°12.92	13882.9/44039.5	
	S of P-town Harbor	61-90'	13-14 Sept	42°00.40	70°08.39	13815.7/44083.5	
	S of P-town Harbor	61-90'	13-14 Sept	42°01.26	70°08.71	13813.4/44089.0	
	SW of Wood End	91-120'	13-14 Sept	41°56.80	70°12.66	13858.2/44069.0	
	SW of Wood End	91-120'	13-14 Sept	41°57.70	70°15.08	13868.2/44078.0	
	Cape Cod Bay	91-120'	12-14 Sept	41°55.28	70°18.39	13899.3/44068.8	
	SW of Wood End	121-180'	13-14 Sept	42°00.32	70°12.66	13841.4/44089.7	
	W of Wood End	121-180'	13-14 Sept	42°01.35	70°15.44	13853.1/44100.1	
	W of Wood End	121-180'	13-14 Sept	42°00.93	70°16.96	13864.2/44100.1	
	W of Race Point	180'+	12-14 Sept	42°04.05	70°22.48	13882.7/44127.3	
	NW of Race Point	180'+	12-14 Sept	42°06.52	70°22.65	13871.9/44142.0	
	NW of Race Point	180'+	12-14 Sept	42°06.94	70°25.75	13888.8/44149.6	

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			Range of			
General Location	General Description	Depth	Dates	Center of Tow Area		
				Latitude	Longitude	Loran
Cape Ann and	Plum Island	0-30'	10-12 Sept	42°43.86	70°46.94	13834.8/44392.7
North	Ipswich Bay	0-30'	10-12 Sept	42°40.37	70°41.90	13820.8/44364.7
	E of Plum Island	31-60'	10-12 Sept	42°43.28	70°44.93	13824.9/44385.9
	E of Plum Island	31-60'	10-12 Sept	42°47.43	70°47.75	13820.8/44412.9
	E of Merrimack River	61-90'	10-12 Sept	42°49.47	70°46.43	13801.0/44420.9
	E of Plum Island	61-90'	10-12 Sept	42°45.61	70°44.82	13811.6/44397.8
	NE of Castle Neck	61-90'	10-12 Sept	42°42.26	70°42.89	13817.0/44376.6
	E of Salisbury Beach	91-120'	10-12 Sept	42°50.80	70°45.58	13788.1/44426.0
	N of Halibut Point	91-120'	10-12 Sept	42°42.29	70°37.88	13784.5/44367.2
	NE of Halibut Point	121-180'	10-12 Sept	42°42.89	70°36.41	13772.0/44367.6
	E of Andrews Point	121-180'	10-12 Sept	42°41.66	70°33.70	13761.3/44356.0
	E of Eastern Point	121-180'	10-12 Sept	42°35.18	70°35.61	13808.1/44325.3
	NE of Dry Salvages	180'+	10-12 Sept	42°42.72	70°32.38	13747.1/44359.2
	N of Halibut Point	180'+	10-12 Sept	42°44.15	70°37.17	13770.0/44375.6
Mass Bay	Nahant Bay	0-30'	9-13 Sept	42°26.87	70°55.62	13979.5/44317.1
	Nantasket Beach	0-30'	8-13 Sept	42°17.24	70°51.73	14001.9/44254.9
	Nantasket Beach	31-60'	8-13 Sept	42°17.31	70°51.53	14000.1/44254.9
	S of Nahant	31-60'	9-13 Sept	42°24.61	70°56.03	13993.4/44305.1
	N of Cohasset	31-60'	8-13 Sept	42°16.92	70°48.81	13984.8/44247.6
	E of Harding Ledge	61-90'	8-13 Sept	42°18.58	70°48.30	13973.3/44256.3
	Nahant Bay	61-90'	9-13 Sept	42°26.73	70°52.86	13962.3/44311.0
	NE of Minots Ledge	91-120'	8-13 Sept	42°18.56	70°43.24	13946.4/44229.2
	SE of Marblehead	91-120'	9-13 Sept	42°28.77	70°46.06	13908.1/44309.6
	S of Middle Ground	91-120'	9-13 Sept	42°32.94	70°42.79	13865.7/44326.5
	SE of Salem Sound	121-180'	9-13 Sept	42°30.66	70°42.05	13872.8/44312.6
	SE of Salem Sound	121-180'	9-13 Sept	42°28.59	70°43.95	13895.5/44304.8
	Outer Mass Bay	121-180'	8-13 Sept	42°22.20	70°41.86	13914.5/44265.2
	SE of Eastern Point	121-180'	9-13 Sept	42°32.95	70°36.89	13827.9/44315.6
	Outer Mass Bay	180'+	9-13 Sept	42°29.41	70°39.39	13862.2/44300.8
	Outer Mass Bay	180'+	9-13 Sept	42°27.73	70°38.96	13868.1/44290.8

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