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NOAA FISHERIES HAS SCHEDULED ADDITIONAL MEETINGS FOR HARBOR PORPOISE TAKE REDUCTION PLAN OUTREACH AND EDUCATION – 2nd hearing in MA on November 7th in Duxbury

NOAA Fisheries Service (NMFS) has added two meetings to the list of outreach and education meetings scheduled related to the Harbor Porpoise Take Reduction Plan (HPTRP). As a reminder, these meetings will be provided by NMFS Northeast Region Protected Resources Division staff to review current HPTRP requirements, provide an update on the status of the HPTRP, provide pinger certification training or a pinger training refresher course, and distribute new outreach materials.

The HPTRP outreach meetings will take place at the following dates, locations, and times. Those meetings with a * indicate an additional meeting.

Tuesday, October 3, 2006 – 6 P.M.

Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries Annisquam River Marine Fisheries Field Station 30 Emerson Avenue Gloucester, MA 01930

Thursday, October 5, 2006 – 6 P.M.

Urban Forestry Center 45 Elwyn Road Portsmouth, NH 03801

<u>Wednesday, October 25, 2006 – 6 P.M.*</u>

Casco Bay Lines 56 Commercial Street Portland, ME 04112

Wednesday, November 1, 2006 – 6 P.M.

Corliss Auditorium University of Rhode Island Narragansett Bay Campus South Ferry Road Narragansett, RI 02882

Thursday, November 2, 2006 – 6 P.M.

Hampton Inn New Bedford/Fairhaven

1 Hampton Way Fairhaven, MA 02719

Tuesday, November 7, 2006 – 6 P.M.*

Duxbury Free Library 77 Alden Street Duxbury, MA 02332

Thursday, November 9, 2006 – 6 P.M.

Cape Cod Commercial Hook Fishermen's Association 210-E Orleans Road North Chatham, MA 02650

Wednesday, November 15, 2006 - 5:30 P.M.

(Following adjournment of the New England Fishery Management Council meeting) Tavern on the Harbor 30 Western Avenue Gloucester, MA 01930

<u>Tuesday, January 30, 2007 – 6 P.M.</u>

Ferrara's Restaurant 518 Arnold Avenue Point Pleasant Beach, NJ 08742

For more information about the Gulf of Maine and Mid-Atlantic HPTRP outreach meetings, including directions and topics to be covered, please visit the HPTRP web site at http://www.nero.noaa.gov/prot_res/porptrp and click on the link under "What's New" or contact one of the NMFS Northeast Region's Protected Resources staff members: Amanda Johnson at (978) 281-9300 extension 6513, John Higgins (Northeast liaison) at (207) 677-2316, or Glenn Salvador (Mid-Atlantic liaison) at (757) 414-0128.