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Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries Notice of Public Listening Sessions on Regulatory Review

On March 31, 2015, Governor Baker signed Executive Order 562 ("EO 562"). This Executive Order directs state agencies to review all of their regulations to determine whether any should be amended, simplified, or rescinded in order to reduce unnecessary regulatory burden on the public. EO 562 encourages state agencies to seek public comment on the agency's review of its regulations. To that end, the Division of Marine Fisheries is conducting two public listening sessions to take public comment on whether and what regulations should be amended, rescinded or simplified in response to EO 562.

If you are unable to attend either listening session, you are welcome to submit written comment. We will accept public comment until 5:00PM on Friday, October 16. Please address all written comment to Director David Pierce and submit these comments by e-mail to <u>marine.fish@state.ma.us</u> under the subject "EO 562" or by mail to 251 Causeway Street, Suite 400, Boston, MA 02114.

Public Listening Session Schedule

4:00 PM October 8, 2015 Annisquam River Station 30 Emerson Avenue Gloucester, MA 01930 6:00 PM October 13, 2015 Fairfield Inn and Suites 185 MacArthur Drive New Bedford, MA 02740

Please visit our website to obtain a <u>summary</u> of all Division of Marine Fisheries regulations or to view an official copy of the regulatory language at <u>322 CMR</u>.