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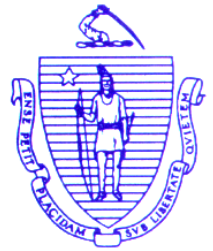
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Revised Notice:

Vibrio Management Public Hearings and Public Comment Period

Under the provisions of M.G.L. c. 30A and pursuant to the authority found at M.G.L. c. 130 § 17A, 52, 81 and 82, the Division of Marine Fisheries and the Marine Fisheries Advisory Commission have scheduled two public hearings and a public comment period to accept comment on draft regulations to amend the state's seasonal Vibrio management regulations at 322 CMR 16.05. These proposed amendments ensure that state regulations conform to the federally mandated Vibrio Management Plan and where possible meet requests presented by the commercial oyster industry.

1. Vibrio Management (322 CMR 16.05)

- a. Add, amend and delete existing definitions;
- b. Further clarify existing icing, shading, Vp logbook, and transport of market bound oyster requirements;
- c. Establish new time of icing requirements;
- d. Establish alternative methods, at the request of industry, for aquaculturists to tag re-submerged oysters; and
- e. Simplify and consolidate existing regulations governing off-site culling, oyster processing activities by aquaculturists, and the re-submergence of oysters subject to these activities.

Instructions for Written Comments

Written public comments will be accepted until noon of Wednesday, April 8, 2015. Please address all comments to Director Paul Diodati. 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.

Revised Public Hearing Schedule

Due to a change in venue for the April 6, 2015 Plymouth public hearing, this revised notice replaces the previous public hearing notice issued on March 13, 2015. The details regarding the change in venue are highlighted below.

Monday, April 6, 2015
Start Time: 11:00 AM
Earle Mountain Room
Eastham Town Hall
2500 State Highway
Eastham, MA 02642

Monday, April 6, 2015
Start Time: 6:30 PM
Mayflower Room
Plymouth Radisson
180 Water Street
Plymouth, MA 02360

For more information regarding the public hearing, public comment period or the regulatory proposals, contact Jared Silva by phone (617-626-1534) or through e-mail (jared.silva@state.ma.us).