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*Marine Fisheries Advisory*

**Public Meetings Scheduled to Provide Information and Training to Harvesters Regarding the  
2026 *Vibrio Parahaemolyticus* Control Plan for Oysters**

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Three public meetings have been scheduled to field questions and provide information on the 2026 Massachusetts *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* (*V.p.*) Control Plan for Oysters. The 2026 Massachusetts *Vibrio parahaemolyticus* (*V.p.*) Control Season and implementation of requisite control measures take effect on Tuesday, May 19, 2026 and remain in effect through October 19, 2026. The meetings will include a recap of the 2025 *V.p.* control season and a review of the *V.p.* control plan and existing implemented regulations. The goal of the Control Plan is to reduce the probability of occurrence of *V.p.* illness during periods of warmer temperatures that have been historically associated with illnesses. The plan was developed by the Massachusetts Department of Fish and Game, Division of Marine Fisheries, the Department of Public Health, Bureau of Climate and Environmental Health, Food Protection Program in conjunction with the Massachusetts Environmental Police and shellfish industry in order to protect public health and comply with the requirements of the National Shellfish Sanitation Program.

Additional *Vp* Control Plan resources can be found on [DMF's website](#). The Division of Marine Fisheries will provide *V.p.* Logbooks to local Shellfish Constables. These *V.p.* Logbooks are to be distributed to both oyster growers and commercial wild harvesters at no cost. One meeting will be held remotely for anyone unable to attend in person.

**The meetings will be held as follows:**

**Tuesday, May 5, 2026**

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

Eastham Town Hall

Earle Mountain Room

2500 State Hwy, Eastham, MA 02642

**Thursday, May 7, 2026**

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

Duxbury Bay Maritime School

457 Washington St, Duxbury, MA 02332

**Tuesday, May 12, 2026**

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Virtual via Zoom

[Register for the Zoom Meeting Here](#)

To register for the training session, click the button above. Once registered, you will automatically receive an email that contains the Zoom link for the training session.

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