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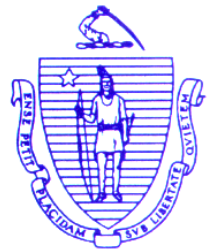
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Marine Fisheries Advisory

STATEWIDE FREE RECREATIONAL FISHING WEEKEND: JUNE 4 & 5

Take a friend or family member fishing for free on June 4 and 5, 2011! You won't need a fishing permit to fish any waterbody statewide for these two days including both freshwater and saltwater (state waters only). It is time well spent with family and friends.

The Division of Marine Fisheries apologizes for the late release of this news. It resulted from the Division's desire to consult the Commonwealth's Marine Recreational Fisheries Development Panel on the best dates to exempt sportsmen and women from the Commonwealth's saltwater recreational fishing permit requirement. By law, the Division's Director may establish up to two free saltwater fishing days per year, and the Panel recently recommended selection of the same two days that the Division of Fish and Wildlife sets for free freshwater fishing days.

Those wishing to recreationally fish in state marine waters beyond June 4 and 5 are required to possess a Massachusetts Recreational Saltwater Fishing Permit, unless fishing under the authority of a recreational license from New Hampshire, Rhode Island or Connecticut, or are otherwise exempt. Your purchase of a Recreational Saltwater Fishing Permit directly funds improvements to saltwater fishing access projects and other programs that support marine recreational fishing in the state.

For more information on free fishing in saltwater, contact Matt Ayer (Division of Marine Fisheries) at 978-282-0308 ext 107 or matt.ayer@state.ma.us; for freshwater, contact Jim Lagacy (Division of Fish and Wildlife) at (508) 389-6309 or jim.lagacy@state.ma.us.