

Dear Chairman Tierney,

It is my understanding that the Massachusetts Ocean Management Task Force is considering closing up to 25% of Massachusetts State waters to all fishing for the purpose of "conservation".

Marine Protected Areas are of questionable effectiveness in the restoration of fish populations and closing Massachusetts waters to fishing, both commercial and recreational, would be disastrous to the economies of many coastal communities.

Please don't be swayed by enviromental extremist groups such as the Conservation Law Foundation and the Pew Oceans Commission that have their own agendas that do not include the well being of the the citizens of the Commonwealth.

We are all for taking reasonable measures to ensure a healthy and sustainable fish population in our oceans but closing out the people from areas of the sea that belong to all of us would be without reason.

Thank you for your
support in this matter.

Sincerely
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