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Fixed Gear Fishermen of Massachusetts,

Marine Fisheries will be conducting its annual fall trawl survey throughout state coastal waters beginning September 8, 2026. Surveys have been conducted each May and September since 1978 to provide a consistent sampling of benthic fishes and mobile invertebrates. Survey data is used to monitor the condition of various marine stocks. The data is also used to inform the environmental review process, which advises on ways to minimize construction impacts on fisheries resources. Maintaining access to the planned sampling sites is critical to the integrity of the survey.

Please review either the live map on our website or the attached tables and maps of station locations. The live map displays all remaining tow locations, the map can be found on our [Review trawl survey updates](#) web page. The live map has a feature which allows you to display your current location. On the upper lefthand side of the map page select the "scope icon" button just below the home button. With the location feature toggled on, your device will display your live location on the map in relation to tow circles and historical tows. This feature can be used to assure gear is not in conflict with planned tows. **We kindly ask for your cooperation and insist that all fixed gear be kept clear of the shaded station tow circles by the dates listed in the table.** The coordinates of each selected point are provided in the attached table. The live map and attached figures show the station with a 1.5 n. mi. diameter circle around the selected point. All station circles are trimmed to the appropriate stratum which represents actual station outline. This survey notice can also be accessed on our [Review trawl survey updates](#) web page. We will make every attempt to complete stations as timely as possible to minimize inconvenience to fixed gear fishermen. Completed stations will be updated and announced daily to notify fishermen that gear can be returned to the area. *Marine Fisheries* is prepared to attach restrictions to permits (under 322 CMR 7.01 (7)), mandating that fixed gear is not set on designated trawl survey sites between the announced date and notification of station completion. It remains our hope that this action will be unnecessary.

Each day, the Massachusetts Lobstermen's Association (MLA) will be notified of survey progress and all completed stations will be removed from the live map. The MLA will also post survey information on their website, Lobstermen.com, as well as on [Facebook](#) (username: lobstermensassoc).

In the event of a delay due to weather, the schedule will be resumed as soon as working conditions permit. Fishermen can contact the R/V *Gloria Michelle* on VHF channels 13 or 16 to determine the updated daily schedule.

Personnel aboard the NOAA R/V *Gloria Michelle*, a 65' western rigged steel stern trawler with a blue hull and white deckhouse, will carefully check each site for marked gear by cruising along a selected tow path before the net is set. Twenty-minute tows undertaken at 2.5 knots cover approximately 0.8 nautical miles. We encourage communicating helpful information to the R/V officers (via channels 13 or 16).

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and is vital to the effective monitoring of marine resources in the Commonwealth. If you have any questions about the survey, please contact me (steve.wilcox@mass.gov or (978) 559-9260). If you have any questions about the *Marine Fisheries* website, or Facebook, please contact Story Reed (story.reed@mass.gov or (617) 626-1524).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steven Wilcox".

Steven Wilcox
Senior Marine Fisheries Biologist

Cc. Dan McKiernan, Director

September 2026 fall trawl survey station locations for Cape Ann and north.

Depth feet	Date to relocate gear by	Latitude DD MM.mmm	Longitude DD MM.mmm	Latitude DD.dddd	Longitude DD.dddd	Station ID
0-30	9/12/2026	42°44.768'	-70°47.006'	42.7461	-70.7834	31-1
0-30	9/12/2026	42°42.257'	-70°45.129'	42.7043	-70.7522	31-2
31-60	9/12/2026	42°41.403'	-70°41.194'	42.6900	-70.6866	32-1
31-60	9/12/2026	42°47.496'	-70°47.680'	42.7916	-70.7947	32-2
61-90	9/12/2026	42°43.313'	-70°42.585'	42.7219	-70.7098	33-1
61-90	9/12/2026	42°51.303'	-70°47.460'	42.8550	-70.7910	33-2
61-90	9/12/2026	42°45.378'	-70°45.235'	42.7563	-70.7539	33-3
91-120	9/12/2026	42°49.551'	-70°44.619'	42.8259	-70.7436	34-1
91-120	9/12/2026	42°51.623'	-70°45.551'	42.8604	-70.7592	34-2
91-120	9/11/2026	42°39.890'	-70°33.511'	42.6648	-70.5585	34-3
121-180	9/11/2026	42°41.643'	-70°33.744'	42.6941	-70.5624	35-1
121-180	9/12/2026	42°43.981'	-70°38.920'	42.7330	-70.6487	35-2
121-180	9/11/2026	42°35.459'	-70°36.124'	42.5910	-70.6021	35-3
181+	9/11/2026	42°41.822'	-70°32.417'	42.6970	-70.5403	36-1
181+	9/11/2026	42°43.155'	-70°33.818'	42.7193	-70.5636	36-2

September 2026 fall trawl survey station locations for Massachusetts Bay.

Depth feet	Date to relocate gear by	Latitude DD MM.mmm	Longitude DD MM.mmm	Latitude DD.dddd	Longitude DD.dddd	Station ID
0-30'	9/11/2026	42°26.988'	-70°55.295'	42.4498	-70.9216	31-4
0-30'	9/10/2026	42°16.628'	-70°51.238'	42.2771	-70.8540	31-5
31'-60'	9/10/2026	42°18.243'	-70°50.294'	42.3041	-70.8382	32-4
31'-60'	9/10/2026	42°16.932'	-70°47.991'	42.2822	-70.7999	32-5
31'-60'	9/11/2026	42°26.939'	-70°54.768'	42.4490	-70.9128	32-6
61'-90'	9/10/2026	42°18.527'	-70°48.984'	42.3088	-70.8164	33-5
61'-90'	9/11/2026	42°27.115'	-70°53.377'	42.4519	-70.8896	33-6
61'-90'	9/10/2026	42°23.286'	-70°53.794'	42.3881	-70.8966	33-7
91'-120'	9/10/2026	42°22.960'	-70°49.163'	42.3827	-70.8194	34-5
91'-120'	9/10/2026	42°19.062'	-70°43.973'	42.3177	-70.7329	34-6
91'-120'	9/11/2026	42°33.021'	-70°42.906'	42.5504	-70.7151	34-7
121'-180'	9/11/2026	42°32.432'	-70°36.883'	42.5405	-70.6147	35-5
121'-180'	9/10/2026	42°23.093'	-70°42.261'	42.3849	-70.7044	35-6
121'-180'	9/11/2026	42°34.137'	-70°36.288'	42.5689	-70.6048	35-7
121'-180'	9/11/2026	42°28.868'	-70°44.598'	42.4811	-70.7433	35-8
181+	9/11/2026	42°31.131'	-70°39.520'	42.5189	-70.6587	36-4
181'+	9/11/2026	42°25.594'	-70°40.129'	42.4266	-70.6688	36-5

September 2026 fall trawl survey station locations for western Cape Cod Bay.

Depth feet	Date to relocate gear by	Latitude DD MM.mmm	Longitude DD MM.mmm	Latitude DD.dddd	Longitude DD.dddd	Station ID
0-30'	9/8/2026	42°01.535'	-70°36.772'	42.0256	-70.6129	25-1
0-30'	9/8/2026	41°44.627'	-70°21.023'	41.7438	-70.3504	25-2
0-30'	9/8/2026	41°50.016'	-70°30.622'	41.8336	-70.5104	25-3
31'-60'	9/8/2026	41°45.799'	-70°17.556'	41.7633	-70.2926	26-1
31'-60'	9/8/2026	41°45.982'	-70°19.344'	41.7664	-70.3224	26-2
31'-60'	9/8/2026	41°45.884'	-70°15.436'	41.7647	-70.2573	26-3
31'-60'	9/8/2026	41°46.047'	-70°26.032'	41.7675	-70.4339	26-4
61'-90'	9/8/2026	41°50.688'	-70°27.968'	41.8448	-70.4661	27-1
61'-90'	9/8/2026	41°49.088'	-70°15.606'	41.8181	-70.2601	27-2
61'-90'	9/8/2026	41°49.812'	-70°18.687'	41.8302	-70.3115	27-3
61'-90'	9/8/2026	41°50.215'	-70°25.537'	41.8369	-70.4256	27-4
91'-120'	9/8/2026	41°52.207'	-70°20.793'	41.8701	-70.3465	28-1
91'-120'	9/8/2026	41°53.553'	-70°19.033'	41.8926	-70.3172	28-2
91'-120'	9/8/2026	42°00.471'	-70°32.377'	42.0078	-70.5396	28-3
121'-180'	9/10/2026	42°06.360'	-70°30.343'	42.1060	-70.5057	29-1
121'-180'	9/10/2026	42°04.408'	-70°26.278'	42.0735	-70.4380	29-2
121'-180'	9/10/2026	42°03.907'	-70°30.627'	42.0651	-70.5105	29-3

September 2026 fall trawl survey station locations for eastern Cape Cod Bay.

Depth feet	Date to relocate gear by	Latitude DD MM.mmm	Longitude DD MM.mmm	Latitude DD.dddd	Longitude DD.dddd	Station ID
0-30'	9/8/2026	41°46.972'	-70°08.522'	41.7829	-70.1420	25-5
0-30'	9/8/2026	41°49.002'	-70°04.202'	41.8167	-70.0700	25-6
31'-60'	9/8/2026	41°51.249'	-70°11.720'	41.8542	-70.1953	26-6
31'-60'	9/8/2026	41°54.255'	-70°08.574'	41.9042	-70.1429	26-7
31'-60'	9/8/2026	41°52.894'	-70°09.605'	41.8816	-70.1601	26-8
61'-90'	9/13/2026	42°00.694'	-70°09.093'	42.0116	-70.1515	27-6
61'-90'	9/8/2026	41°51.883'	-70°14.589'	41.8647	-70.2431	27-7
61'-90'	9/8/2026	41°53.237'	-70°10.366'	41.8873	-70.1728	27-8
91'-120'	9/8/2026	41°55.555'	-70°12.536'	41.9259	-70.2089	28-5
91'-120'	9/8/2026	41°55.745'	-70°15.654'	41.9291	-70.2609	28-6
91'-120'	9/8/2026	41°53.404'	-70°14.935'	41.8901	-70.2489	28-7
121'-180'	9/13/2026	42°04.118'	-70°24.560'	42.0686	-70.4093	29-5
121'-180'	9/13/2026	42°00.804'	-70°12.748'	42.0134	-70.2125	29-6
121'-180'	9/13/2026	42°02.302'	-70°14.642'	42.0384	-70.2440	29-7
181'+	9/13/2026	42°04.154'	-70°16.030'	42.0692	-70.2672	30-1
181'+	9/13/2026	42°06.246'	-70°21.371'	42.1041	-70.3562	30-2
181'+	9/13/2026	42°05.479'	-70°23.797'	42.0913	-70.3966	30-3

September 2026 fall trawl survey station locations for areas east of Cape Cod.

Depth feet	Date to relocate gear by	Latitude DD MM.mmm	Longitude DD MM.mmm	Latitude DD.dddd	Longitude DD.dddd	Station ID
0-30'	9/13/2026	42°05.374'	-70°12.001'	42.0896	-70.2000	17-1
0-30'	9/15/2026	41°46.136'	-69°55.591'	41.7689	-69.9265	17-2
31'-60'	9/15/2026	41°44.205'	-69°53.340'	41.7367	-69.8890	18-1
31'-60'	9/15/2026	41°49.422'	-69°55.309'	41.8237	-69.9218	18-2
31'-60'	9/14/2026	41°58.103'	-69°59.235'	41.9684	-69.9873	18-3
61'-90'	9/14/2026	41°53.641'	-69°55.186'	41.8940	-69.9198	19-1
61'-90'	9/15/2026	41°41.038'	-69°52.181'	41.6840	-69.8697	19-2
91'-120'	9/13/2026	42°06.084'	-70°10.289'	42.1014	-70.1715	20-1
91'-120'	9/14/2026	42°03.072'	-70°00.929'	42.0512	-70.0155	20-2
91'-120'	9/13/2026	42°06.174'	-70°08.372'	42.1029	-70.1395	20-3
121'-180'	9/13/2026	42°07.777'	-70°13.085'	42.1296	-70.2181	21-1
121'-180'	9/15/2026	41°48.819'	-69°52.273'	41.8137	-69.8712	21-2
121'-180'	9/13/2026	42°06.596'	-70°14.348'	42.1099	-70.2391	21-3

September 2026 fall trawl survey station locations for Buzzards Bay and Vineyard Sound.

Depth feet	Date to relocate gear by	Latitude DD MM.mmm	Longitude DD MM.mmm	Latitude DD.dddd	Longitude DD.dddd	Station ID
0-30'	9/16/2026	41°39.161'	-70°44.923'	41.6527	-70.7487	11-1
0-30'	9/16/2026	41°34.898'	-70°54.583'	41.5816	-70.9097	11-2
0-30'	9/16/2026	41°37.792'	-70°44.250'	41.6299	-70.7375	11-3
31'-60'	9/16/2026	41°30.807'	-70°50.653'	41.5134	-70.8442	12-1
31'-60'	9/16/2026	41°30.472'	-70°46.492'	41.5079	-70.7749	12-2
31'-60'	9/16/2026	41°27.072'	-70°53.640'	41.4512	-70.8940	12-3
31'-60'	9/16/2026	41°29.158'	-70°51.029'	41.4860	-70.8505	12-4
31'-60'	9/16/2026	41°25.830'	-71°02.879'	41.4305	-71.0480	12-5
61'-90'	9/16/2026	41°23.229'	-70°47.054'	41.3871	-70.7842	13-1
61'-90'	9/16/2026	41°21.944'	-70°49.156'	41.3657	-70.8193	13-2
61'-90'	9/16/2026	41°21.255'	-70°52.704'	41.3542	-70.8784	13-3
91'-120'	9/16/2026	41°23.029'	-70°50.135'	41.3838	-70.8356	14-1
91'-120'	9/16/2026	41°21.195'	-70°54.327'	41.3532	-70.9054	14-2

September 2026 fall trawl survey station locations southwest of Gay Head and south of Martha's Vineyard.

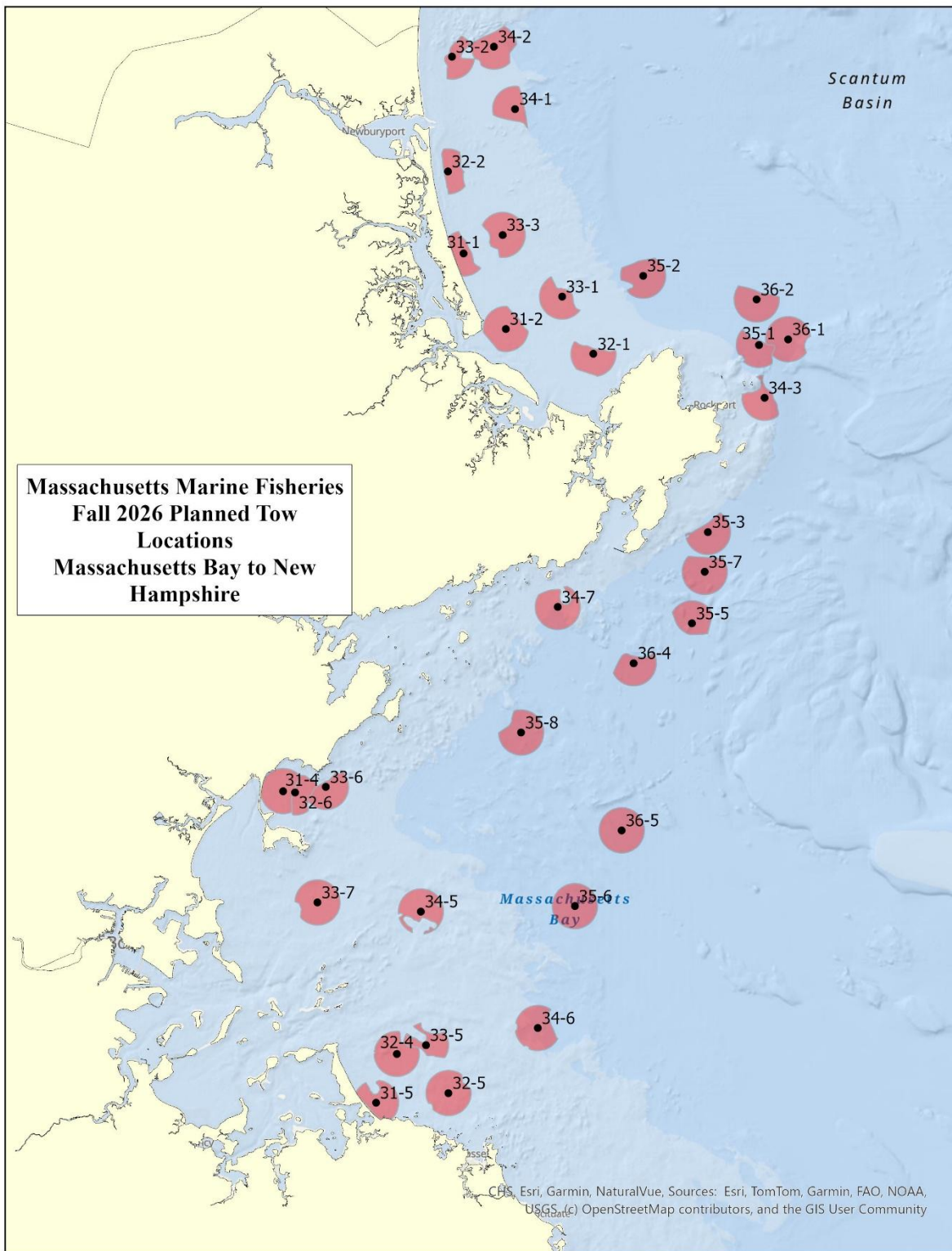
Depth feet	Date to relocate gear by	Latitude DD MM.mmm	Longitude DD MM.mmm	Latitude DD.dddd	Longitude DD.dddd	Station ID
0-30'	9/16/2026	41°16.740'	-70°24.622'	41.2790	-70.4104	11-5
0-30'	9/16/2026	41°16.852'	-70°29.102'	41.2809	-70.4850	11-6
31'-60'	9/16/2026	41°19.318'	-70°30.055'	41.3220	-70.5009	12-7
31'-60'	9/16/2026	41°18.161'	-70°31.371'	41.3027	-70.5229	12-8
61'-90'	9/16/2026	41°17.709'	-70°43.453'	41.2951	-70.7242	13-5
61'-90'	9/16/2026	41°18.371'	-70°33.143'	41.3062	-70.5524	13-6
91'-120'	9/16/2026	41°18.589'	-70°51.498'	41.3098	-70.8583	14-4

September 2026 fall trawl survey station locations for Nantucket Sound.

Depth feet	Date to relocate gear by	Latitude DD MM.mmm	Longitude DD MM.mmm	Latitude DD.dddd	Longitude DD.dddd	Station ID
0-30'	9/16/2026	41°33.541'	-70°26.512'	41.5590	-70.4419	15-1
0-30'	9/16/2026	41°21.171'	-70°16.512'	41.3529	-70.2752	15-2
0-30'	9/16/2026	41°36.064'	-70°09.473'	41.6011	-70.1579	15-3
0-30'	9/16/2026	41°25.631'	-70°26.958'	41.4272	-70.4493	15-4
0-30'	9/16/2026	41°31.771'	-70°20.589'	41.5295	-70.3431	15-5
0-30'	9/16/2026	41°32.069'	-70°11.840'	41.5345	-70.1973	15-6
0-30'	9/16/2026	41°34.114'	-70°17.367'	41.5686	-70.2894	15-7
0-30'	9/16/2026	41°24.530'	-70°10.446'	41.4088	-70.1741	15-8
0-30'	9/16/2026	41°25.608'	-70°21.261'	41.4268	-70.3544	15-9
0-30'	9/16/2026	41°35.812'	-70°02.831'	41.5969	-70.0472	15-10
31'-60'	9/16/2026	41°33.242'	-70°17.750'	41.5540	-70.2958	16-1
31'-60'	9/16/2026	41°29.766'	-70°18.339'	41.4961	-70.3056	16-2
31'-60'	9/16/2026	41°19.562'	-70°07.107'	41.3260	-70.1184	16-3
31'-60'	9/16/2026	41°30.136'	-70°02.543'	41.5023	-70.0424	16-4
31'-60'	9/16/2026	41°29.949'	-70°30.125'	41.4992	-70.5021	16-5
31'-60'	9/16/2026	41°27.141'	-70°23.651'	41.4524	-70.3942	16-6
31'-60'	9/16/2026	41°28.711'	-70°06.274'	41.4785	-70.1046	16-7
31'-60'	9/16/2026	41°29.802'	-70°13.047'	41.4967	-70.2175	16-8
31'-60'	9/16/2026	41°28.738'	-70°26.722'	41.4790	-70.4454	16-9
31'-60'	9/16/2026	41°26.543'	-70°03.718'	41.4424	-70.0620	16-10
31'-60'	9/16/2026	41°32.903'	-70°23.186'	41.5484	-70.3864	16-11

September 2026 fall trawl survey station locations south and east of Nantucket.

Depth feet	Date to relocate gear by	Latitude	Longitude	Latitude	Longitude	Station ID
		DD MM.mmm	DD MM.mmm	DD.dddd	DD.dddd	
0-30'	9/16/2026	41°19.718'	-69°59.018'	41.3286	-69.9836	17-4
0-30'	9/16/2026	41°17.912'	-70°18.009'	41.2985	-70.3001	17-5
0-30'	9/16/2026	41°24.438'	-69°58.435'	41.4073	-69.9739	17-6
31'-60'	9/16/2026	41°12.980'	-70°04.428'	41.2163	-70.0738	18-5
31'-60'	9/16/2026	41°14.898'	-70°13.337'	41.2483	-70.2223	18-6
31'-60'	9/16/2026	41°16.270'	-70°18.684'	41.2712	-70.3114	18-7
61'-90'	9/16/2026	41°12.789'	-70°06.015'	41.2132	-70.1003	19-4



**Massachusetts Marine Fisheries
Fall 2026 Planned Tow Locations
Cape Cod Bay & East of Cape Cod**

