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Via email

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Dear Director Kim,

The Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (MA DMF) has reviewed the presentation regarding key areas for public input for your upcoming review and update of MEPA regulations. We offer the following suggestion for regulatory updates for your consideration.

As stated in 301 CMR 11.03, "review thresholds identify categories of Projects...that are likely, directly or indirectly, to cause Damage to the Environment. ...the review thresholds determine whether MEPA review is required." MA DMF recommends including an aquaculture category with specific review thresholds to determine whether MEPA review is required for aquaculture projects.

Thank you for your consideration,

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