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Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries In-Lieu Fee Program Grant Announcement -**Request for Responses**

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In-Lieu Fee Program Coastal Habitat Restoration **Grant**

The Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (MarineFisheries), through the Massachusetts In-Lieu Fee (ILF) Program, is requesting proposals for habitat restoration projects. Qualifying projects will serve as mitigation for coastal aquatic habitat losses resulting from the cumulative impacts of multiple, smallscale coastal alteration projects that were permitted by the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) under the Massachusetts General Permit (GP).

Approximately \$170k is available to fund proposals received through this funding opportunity. Proposals are expected to demonstrate an ability to effectively remediate the loss of aquatic functions and values of coastal aquatic habitats. Successful proposals will clearly demonstrate that the project will result in onthe-ground functional habitat restoration and improvement.

Proposals are due no later than WEDNESDAY, October 31, 2012, at 1:00 PM. Applicants are encouraged to contact the MA ILF Program Coordinator to discuss regional coastal habitat restoration priorities prior to developing and submitting applications. Information sessions on this grant program will be held at the following locations:

Location	Date	Time
MA Division of Marine Fisheries 30 Emerson Ave, Gloucester, MA 01930	Friday October 5	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
MA Division of Marine Fisheries 1213 Purchase St. New Bedford, MA 02740	Wednesday October 3	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

To view the Request for Responses (RFR), visit Comm-PASS, and enter the solicitation number RFR DMF ILF01. Any questions can be directed to Mark Rousseau (mark.rousseau@state.ma.us) at the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, 978-282-0308 x162.

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