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March 3, 2026

Fixed Gear Fishermen of Massachusetts,

*Marine Fisheries* will be conducting its annual spring trawl survey throughout state coastal waters beginning May 4, 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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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

May 2026 spring trawl survey station locations for Cape Ann and north.

<b>Depth</b> feet	<b>Date to relocate gear by</b>	<b>Latitude</b> DD MM.mmm	<b>Longitude</b> DD MM.mmm	<b>Latitude</b> DD.dddd	<b>Longitude</b> DD.dddd	<b>Station ID</b>
0-30	5/8/2026	42°40.332'	-70°41.539'	42.6722	-70.6923	31-1
0-30	5/8/2026	42°45.176'	-70°47.437'	42.7529	-70.7906	31-2
31-60	5/8/2026	42°41.434'	-70°42.760'	42.6906	-70.7127	32-1
31-60	5/8/2026	42°48.084'	-70°47.796'	42.8014	-70.7966	32-2
61-90	5/8/2026	42°44.726'	-70°43.991'	42.7454	-70.7332	33-1
61-90	5/8/2026	42°41.834'	-70°38.998'	42.6972	-70.6500	33-2
61-90	5/8/2026	42°49.396'	-70°46.247'	42.8233	-70.7708	33-3
91-120	5/8/2026	42°42.018'	-70°38.369'	42.7003	-70.6395	34-1
91-120	5/8/2026	42°44.076'	-70°42.964'	42.7346	-70.7161	34-2
91-120	5/7/2026	42°39.203'	-70°34.100'	42.6534	-70.5683	34-3
121-180	5/7/2026	42°40.066'	-70°32.874'	42.6678	-70.5479	35-1
121-180	5/7/2026	42°36.327'	-70°33.764'	42.6055	-70.5627	35-2
121-180	5/8/2026	42°43.731'	-70°37.973'	42.7288	-70.6329	35-3
181+	5/8/2026	42°43.791'	-70°36.577'	42.7299	-70.6096	36-1
181+	5/7/2026	42°39.928'	-70°30.634'	42.6655	-70.5106	36-2

May 2026 spring trawl survey station locations for Massachusetts Bay.

<b>Depth</b> feet	<b>Date to relocate gear by</b>	<b>Latitude</b> DD MM.mmm	<b>Longitude</b> DD MM.mmm	<b>Latitude</b> DD.dddd	<b>Longitude</b> DD.dddd	<b>Station ID</b>
0-30	5/6/2026	42°17.110'	-70°51.782'	42.2852	-70.8630	31-4
0-30	5/7/2026	42°24.392'	-70°57.494'	42.4065	-70.9582	31-5
31-60	5/6/2026	42°16.979'	-70°48.788'	42.2830	-70.8131	32-4
31-60	5/6/2026	42°17.882'	-70°50.214'	42.2980	-70.8369	32-5
31-60	5/6/2026	42°14.143'	-70°44.034'	42.2357	-70.7339	32-6
61-90	5/6/2026	42°23.261'	-70°53.423'	42.3877	-70.8904	33-5
61-90	5/7/2026	42°27.414'	-70°52.086'	42.4569	-70.8681	33-6
61-90	5/7/2026	42°24.714'	-70°53.981'	42.4119	-70.8997	33-7
91-120	5/6/2026	42°19.348'	-70°43.724'	42.3225	-70.7287	34-5
91-120	5/6/2026	42°23.412'	-70°49.746'	42.3902	-70.8291	34-6
91-120	5/7/2026	42°25.813'	-70°50.392'	42.4302	-70.8399	34-7
121-180	5/7/2026	42°30.477'	-70°41.100'	42.5080	-70.6850	35-5
121-180	5/7/2026	42°32.030'	-70°39.879'	42.5338	-70.6647	35-6
121-180	5/6/2026	42°22.002'	-70°41.636'	42.3667	-70.6939	35-7
181+	5/7/2026	42°26.014'	-70°39.925'	42.4336	-70.6654	36-4
181+	5/7/2026	42°31.613'	-70°36.449'	42.5269	-70.6075	36-5

May 2026 spring trawl survey station locations for western Cape Cod Bay.

<b>Depth</b> feet	<b>Date to relocate gear by</b>	<b>Latitude</b> DD MM.mmm	<b>Longitude</b> DD MM.mmm	<b>Latitude</b> DD.dddd	<b>Longitude</b> DD.dddd	<b>Station ID</b>
0-30	5/4/2026	41°49.130'	-70°31.759'	41.8188	-70.5293	25-1
0-30	5/4/2026	41°44.434'	-70°18.989'	41.7406	-70.3165	25-2
0-30	5/4/2026	42°01.622'	-70°36.960'	42.0270	-70.6160	25-3
31-60	5/4/2026	41°45.420'	-70°23.985'	41.7570	-70.3997	26-1
31-60	5/4/2026	41°57.376'	-70°33.574'	41.9563	-70.5596	26-2
31-60	5/4/2026	41°49.377'	-70°28.268'	41.8229	-70.4711	26-3
61-90	5/4/2026	41°50.500'	-70°26.869'	41.8417	-70.4478	27-1
61-90	5/4/2026	41°49.109'	-70°16.763'	41.8185	-70.2794	27-2
61-90	5/4/2026	41°47.816'	-70°19.321'	41.7969	-70.3220	27-3
91-120	5/4/2026	41°52.926'	-70°18.386'	41.8821	-70.3064	28-1
91-120	5/4/2026	41°55.102'	-70°19.711'	41.9184	-70.3285	28-2
91-120	5/4/2026	41°54.501'	-70°23.365'	41.9084	-70.3894	28-3
121-180	5/4/2026	41°57.133'	-70°25.348'	41.9522	-70.4225	29-1
121-180	5/4/2026	41°59.353'	-70°23.815'	41.9892	-70.3969	29-2
121-180	5/4/2026	42°03.145'	-70°25.718'	42.0524	-70.4286	29-3

May 2026 spring trawl survey station locations for eastern Cape Cod Bay.

<b>Depth</b> feet	<b>Date to relocate gear by</b>	<b>Latitude</b> DD MM.mmm	<b>Longitude</b> DD MM.mmm	<b>Latitude</b> DD.dddd	<b>Longitude</b> DD.dddd	<b>Station ID</b>
0-30	5/4/2026	41°54.514'	-70°06.211'	41.9086	-70.1035	25-5
0-30	5/4/2026	41°46.233'	-70°09.270'	41.7705	-70.1545	25-6
31-60	5/4/2026	41°49.296'	-70°09.003'	41.8216	-70.1500	26-5
31-60	5/4/2026	41°47.136'	-70°11.212'	41.7856	-70.1869	26-6
61-90	5/9/2026	42°01.626'	-70°09.051'	42.0271	-70.1508	27-5
61-90	5/4/2026	41°52.653'	-70°12.039'	41.8776	-70.2006	27-6
91-120	5/4/2026	41°54.111'	-70°14.781'	41.9018	-70.2463	28-5
91-120	5/4/2026	41°57.824'	-70°09.618'	41.9637	-70.1603	28-6
121-180	5/4/2026	42°00.411'	-70°15.366'	42.0068	-70.2561	29-5
121-180	5/4/2026	41°58.801'	-70°19.526'	41.9800	-70.3254	29-6
181+	5/9/2026	42°05.598'	-70°21.089'	42.0933	-70.3515	30-1
181+	5/9/2026	42°03.008'	-70°17.095'	42.0501	-70.2849	30-2
181+	5/9/2026	42°05.536'	-70°15.418'	42.0923	-70.2570	30-3

May 2026 spring trawl survey station locations for areas east of Cape Cod.

<b>Depth</b> feet	<b>Date to relocate gear by</b>	<b>Latitude</b> DD MM.mmm	<b>Longitude</b> DD MM.mmm	<b>Latitude</b> DD.dddd	<b>Longitude</b> DD.dddd	<b>Station ID</b>
0-30	5/10/2026	42°00.324'	-70°01.090'	42.0054	-70.0182	17-1
0-30	5/11/2026	41°36.585'	-69°56.285'	41.6098	-69.9381	17-2
31-60	5/10/2026	41°54.794'	-69°57.004'	41.9132	-69.9501	18-1
31-60	5/10/2026	42°02.702'	-70°02.627'	42.0450	-70.0438	18-2
31-60	5/10/2026	41°43.665'	-69°53.324'	41.7277	-69.8887	18-3
61-90	5/10/2026	41°57.385'	-69°57.370'	41.9564	-69.9562	19-1
61-90	5/10/2026	41°45.483'	-69°53.307'	41.7581	-69.8885	19-2
91-120	5/9/2026	42°06.177'	-70°09.855'	42.1029	-70.1642	20-1
91-120	5/10/2026	42°05.791'	-70°07.406'	42.0965	-70.1234	20-2
91-120	5/10/2026	42°02.989'	-70°00.868'	42.0498	-70.0145	20-3
121-180	5/10/2026	41°48.342'	-69°52.179'	41.8057	-69.8697	21-1
121-180	5/9/2026	42°06.885'	-70°10.320'	42.1148	-70.1720	21-2
121-180	5/9/2026	42°05.779'	-70°11.892'	42.0963	-70.1982	21-3

May 2026 spring trawl survey station locations for Buzzards Bay and Vineyard Sound.

<b>Depth</b> feet	<b>Date to relocate gear by</b>	<b>Latitude</b> DD MM.mmm	<b>Longitude</b> DD MM.mmm	<b>Latitude</b> DD.dddd	<b>Longitude</b> DD.dddd	<b>Station ID</b>
0-30	5/11/2026	41°29.886'	-71°03.593'	41.4981	-71.0599	11-1
0-30	5/11/2026	41°34.711'	-70°54.762'	41.5785	-70.9127	11-2
0-30	5/11/2026	41°40.658'	-70°41.885'	41.6776	-70.6981	11-3
31-60	5/11/2026	41°24.343'	-70°46.992'	41.4057	-70.7832	12-1
31-60	5/11/2026	41°35.942'	-70°43.555'	41.5990	-70.7259	12-2
31-60	5/11/2026	41°31.503'	-70°52.664'	41.5251	-70.8777	12-3
31-60	5/11/2026	41°21.556'	-70°49.842'	41.3593	-70.8307	12-4
31-60	5/11/2026	41°33.244'	-70°48.412'	41.5541	-70.8069	12-5
61-90	5/11/2026	41°22.329'	-70°49.597'	41.3721	-70.8266	13-1
61-90	5/11/2026	41°22.543'	-70°47.951'	41.3757	-70.7992	13-2
61-90	5/11/2026	41°26.655'	-71°00.888'	41.4442	-71.0148	13-3
91-120	5/11/2026	41°21.411'	-70°55.176'	41.3568	-70.9196	14-1

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

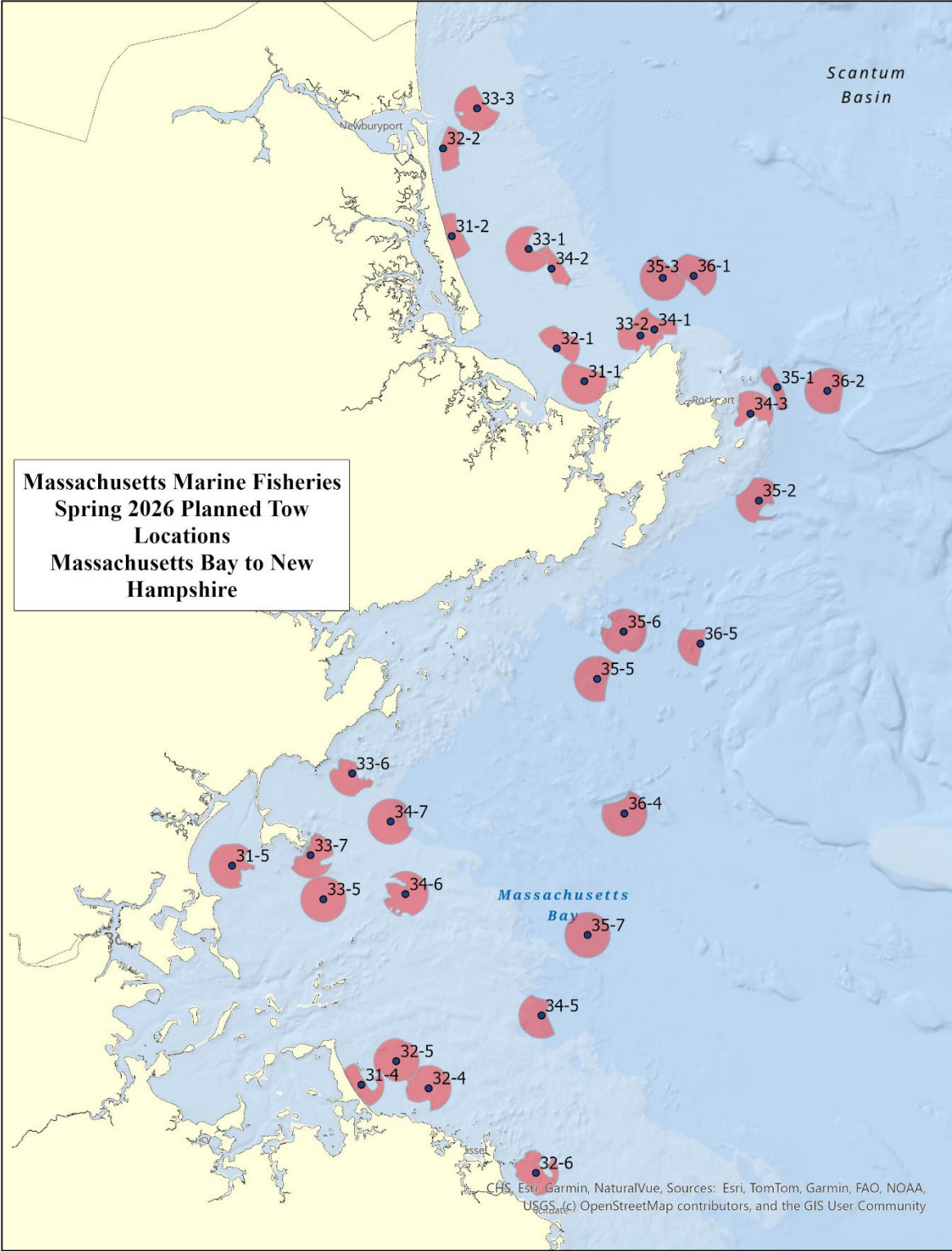
<b>Depth</b> feet	<b>Date to relocate gear by</b>	<b>Latitude</b> DD MM.mmm	<b>Longitude</b> DD MM.mmm	<b>Latitude</b> DD.dddd	<b>Longitude</b> DD.dddd	<b>Station ID</b>
0-30	5/11/2026	41°18.349'	-70°23.189'	41.3058	-70.3865	11-5
0-30	5/11/2026	41°16.730'	-70°25.544'	41.2788	-70.4257	11-6
31-60	5/11/2026	41°17.604'	-70°45.521'	41.2934	-70.7587	12-7
31-60	5/11/2026	41°19.332'	-70°38.668'	41.3222	-70.6445	12-8
61-90	5/11/2026	41°18.610'	-70°37.770'	41.3102	-70.6295	13-5
61-90	5/11/2026	41°18.317'	-70°43.212'	41.3053	-70.7202	13-6
91-120	5/11/2026	41°13.687'	-70°45.187'	41.2281	-70.7531	14-3

May 2026 spring trawl survey station locations for Nantucket Sound.

<b>Depth</b> feet	<b>Date to relocate gear by</b>	<b>Latitude</b> DD MM.mmm	<b>Longitude</b> DD MM.mmm	<b>Latitude</b> DD.dddd	<b>Longitude</b> DD.dddd	<b>Station ID</b>
0-30	5/11/2026	41°19.569'	-70°12.934'	41.3261	-70.2156	15-1
0-30	5/11/2026	41°31.304'	-70°05.273'	41.5217	-70.0879	15-2
0-30	5/11/2026	41°36.164'	-70°13.711'	41.6027	-70.2285	15-3
0-30	5/11/2026	41°26.553'	-70°29.218'	41.4425	-70.4870	15-4
0-30	5/11/2026	41°33.431'	-70°25.411'	41.5572	-70.4235	15-5
0-30	5/11/2026	41°32.433'	-70°32.341'	41.5406	-70.5390	15-6
0-30	5/11/2026	41°32.658'	-70°03.851'	41.5443	-70.0642	15-7
0-30	5/11/2026	41°36.043'	-70°10.200'	41.6007	-70.1700	15-8
0-30	5/11/2026	41°31.189'	-70°20.194'	41.5198	-70.3366	15-9
0-30	5/11/2026	41°35.030'	-70°15.665'	41.5838	-70.2611	15-10
31-60	5/11/2026	41°20.824'	-70°04.941'	41.3471	-70.0824	16-1
31-60	5/11/2026	41°32.869'	-70°22.872'	41.5478	-70.3812	16-2
31-60	5/11/2026	41°28.391'	-70°09.871'	41.4732	-70.1645	16-3
31-60	5/11/2026	41°30.555'	-70°09.048'	41.5092	-70.1508	16-4
31-60	5/11/2026	41°23.329'	-70°09.334'	41.3888	-70.1556	16-5
31-60	5/11/2026	41°29.168'	-70°28.140'	41.4861	-70.4690	16-6
31-60	5/11/2026	41°26.711'	-70°05.793'	41.4452	-70.0966	16-7
31-60	5/11/2026	41°34.472'	-70°05.533'	41.5745	-70.0922	16-8
31-60	5/11/2026	41°21.383'	-70°03.176'	41.3564	-70.0529	16-9
31-60	5/11/2026	41°30.217'	-70°01.987'	41.5036	-70.0331	16-10
31-60	5/11/2026	41°24.927'	-70°07.215'	41.4154	-70.1203	16-11

May 2026 spring trawl survey station locations south and east of Nantucket.

<b>Depth</b> feet	<b>Date to relocate gear by</b>	<b>Latitude</b> DD MM.mmm	<b>Longitude</b> DD MM.mmm	<b>Latitude</b> DD.dddd	<b>Longitude</b> DD.dddd	<b>Station ID</b>
0-30	5/11/2026	41°28.941'	-70°00.455'	41.4824	-70.0076	17-4
0-30	5/11/2026	41°23.353'	-70°00.674'	41.3892	-70.0112	17-5
0-30	5/11/2026	41°16.562'	-70°15.496'	41.2760	-70.2583	17-6
31-60	5/11/2026	41°16.053'	-70°17.545'	41.2676	-70.2924	18-5
31-60	5/11/2026	41°14.762'	-70°13.535'	41.2460	-70.2256	18-6
31-60	5/11/2026	41°14.009'	-70°03.436'	41.2335	-70.0573	18-7
61-90	5/11/2026	41°12.198'	-70°06.897'	41.2033	-70.1150	19-4



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

