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Ocean Management Plan Development
Listening Session Schedule

As directed in the Oceans Act of 2008, the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA) is undertaking a first-in-the-nation effort to develop a comprehensive plan to manage development in state ocean waters. A first step in the development of the plan is to hear from the citizens of the Commonwealth. Eighteen listening sessions will be held throughout the state, beginning on September 18 at Faneuil Hall in Boston and continuing through October 30.

EEA is hosting these listening sessions to inform the public about the Oceans Act and solicit input on the development of the plan. For this round of public input, a main focus is on the overall goals of the ocean plan: in other words, what should the ocean plan seek to accomplish? Responses to that question will help EEA develop the conceptual framework for the draft plan.

At each listening session, EEA will provide an overview of the Oceans Act and then ask for responses to the questions listed below as well as general comments on the development of an integrated ocean management plan for Massachusetts. Anyone interested in contributing their thoughts is encouraged to submit written comments to oceanplan@state.ma.us.

LOCATIONS

See reverse side for meeting dates and locations. Please note that all meetings are scheduled to begin at 7:00 pm.

For more information, please go to the EEA web site at www.mass.gov/eea or email join-env-oceanplan@listserv.state.ma.us

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Municipality	Date	Location
Boston	September 18	Great Hall, Faneuil Hall
Gloucester	September 23	Gloucester City Hall, 9 Dale Avenue
Salem	September 24	Salem City Hall Annex, 120 Washington Street
Salisbury	September 25	Salisbury Town Hall, 5 Beach Road
Weymouth	September 29	Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street
Plymouth	September 30	Plymouth Public Library, 132 South Street
Norwell	October 1	South Shore Natural Science Center, 48 Jacobs Lane
New Bedford	October 6	New Bedford Public Library, 613 Pleasant Street
Fall River	October 8	Fall River Heritage State Park, 100 Davol Street
Oak Bluffs (Martha's Vineyard)	October 14	Martha's Vineyard Commission, Stone Building, 33 New York Avenue
Nantucket	October 16	Nantucket High School 10 Surfside Road
West Barnstable	October 20	Tilden Arts Center Main Theater, Cape Cod Community College, 2240 Iyannough Road
Woods Hole	October 21	Redfield Auditorium, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, 53 Water Street
Eastham	October 22	National Park Service Salt Pond Visitor Center, Eastham
Worcester	October 27	Worcester Public Library, 3 Salem Square
Lowell	October 28	Pollard Memorial Library, 401 Merrimack Street
Pittsfield	October 29	Berkshire Athenaeum (Pittsfield Public Library), 1 Wendell Avenue
Springfield	October 30	Scibelli Hall Theater, Springfield Technical Community College