



AGENDA
Shellfish Planting Guidelines – Listening Sessions

6:00 – 8:00 PM

Sept. 8th - Gloucester

Sept 13th - Boston

Sept. 15th - Bourne

Sept 20th - Hyannis

Sept. 22nd - Wellfleet

Time	Topic	Who
6:00	Welcome & Introductory Comments	Mike Hickey or Kathryn Ford – DMF Jon Kachmar or Casey Shetterly – TNC
6:05	Meeting Overview	Bill Logue, The Logue Group
6:20	Presentation of Guidelines	Mike Hickey or Kathryn Ford – DMF
6:45	Question and Answer Session	
7:05	Public Comment Opportunity	
7:50	Evaluation of Meeting	
7:55	Closing Remarks	Mike Hickey or Kathryn Ford – DMF Jon Kachmar or Casey Shetterly – TNC
8:00	Adjourn	

Proposed Ground Rules

We greatly appreciate your taking time to participate in this Listening Session. We recognize this issue is important to you and that many of you hold passionate and diverse views.

In order to make this a positive and productive experience for you we have drafted the following ground rules/expectations to guide us through this meeting.

A. The Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF), with the assistance of The Nature Conservancy (TNC), have convened this Listening Session in order to solicit public input for the draft guidelines and clearly define the shellfish planting oversight process within the Commonwealth's coastal waters. They have engaged the services of The Logue Group as neutral facilitators to manage the meeting. Please give DMF and TNC staff the courtesy of making their presentations without interruption. There will be time at the session for the general public to ask questions and provide feedback.

B. Suggested Ground Rules:

1. Listen to presenters and other members of the public as an ally with respect and without interruptions or personal attacks.
2. Avoid dominating the discussion so that everyone has an opportunity to contribute.
3. Express your own views or your organization's views and do not attempt to speak for others.
4. Share information and concerns to help inform DMF of your questions, concerns or appreciation.
5. It is perfectly OK for people to hold differing opinions, but remember, this is an opportunity share different perspectives and to help inform DMF before finalizing the guidelines, it is not a debate to persuade others to agree with you.
6. Please sign-in to make comment. When it is your turn be brief and to the point so that all will have an opportunity make comment. As time allows, raise your hand to signal the facilitator(s) you wish to be recognized.

C. Opportunities for Feedback: DMF is genuinely interested in hearing your feedback. You can provide feedback in the following ways:

1. Sign up to speak. Please keep your comments brief and to the point.
2. You may also write comments on the comment cards available at the meeting. Cards will be collected by the facilitators at the conclusion of the meeting. *Please write legibly.*
3. Through **October 3**, you may comment via a dedicated email address:
MAshellfishguidelines@gmail.com

D. Where to find further information:

http://www.mass.gov/dfwefe/dmf/programsandprojects/shellplant_guide.htm

E. Your comments, suggestions and questions will be forwarded to DMF and TNC.