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Subject: NOI, New Bedford Harbor Development Commission (Coast Guard Park)

Dear Commissioners:

The Division of Marine Fisheries (*Marine Fisheries*) has reviewed the Notice of Intent by the New Bedford Harbor Development Commission for proposed repairs and improvements to the existing walkway at Coast Guard Park, ES MacArthur Drive, New Bedford Inner Harbor in the City of New Bedford. The project was reviewed with respect to potential impacts to marine fisheries resources and habitat.

The project site lies within mapped shellfish habitat for quahog (*Mercenaria mercenaria*) which is afforded protection under the Wetlands Protection Act (310 CMR 10.34). Mapped land containing shellfish is deemed significant to the interest of the Wetland Protection Act and the protection of marine fisheries.

Based on the information provided, *Marine Fisheries* has no recommendations on the proposed scope of work at this time.

Questions regarding this review may be directed to John Logan in our New Bedford office at 508-990-2860 ext. 141.

Sent on behalf of John Logan