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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY
OFFICE OF ECOSYSTEM PROTECTION
REGION I
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02114

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE OF A DRAFT NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE
ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT TO DISCHARGE INTO THE WATERS OF THE
UNITED STATES UNDER SECTION 301 AND 402 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT (THE
"ACT"), AS AMENDED, AND REQUEST FOR STATE CERTIFICATION UNDER SECTION
401 OF THE ACT.

DATE OF NOTICE: July 25, 2007 – August 23, 2007

PERMIT NUMBER: MA0110051

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: MA-033-07

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Dr. Kenneth Simmons, Chief of Hatcheries
Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife
Field Headquarters
One Rabbit Hill Road
Westborough, MA 01581

NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Montague (Bitzer) State Fish Hatchery
Hatchery Road
Montague, MA 01351

RECEIVING WATER: Unnamed Stream (Connecticut River Basin)

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: Class B

PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT PERMIT:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) have cooperated in the development of a permit for the above identified facility. The effluent limits and permit conditions imposed have been drafted to assure that State Water Quality Standards and provisions of the Clean Water Act will be met. EPA has formally requested that the State certify this draft permit pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act and expects that the draft permit will be certified.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE DRAFT PERMIT:

A Fact Sheet (describing the type of facility; type and quantities of wastes; a brief summary of the basis for the draft permit conditions; and significant factual, legal and policy questions considered in preparing this draft permit) and the draft permit may be obtained at no cost at http://www.epa.gov/region1/npdes/draft_permits_listing_ma.html or by writing or calling EPA's contact person named below:

Mark Voorhees
U.S. EPA
1 Congress Street, Suite 1100 (CMP)
Boston, MA 02114-2023
Telephone: (617) 918-1537

The administrative record containing all documents relating to this draft permit is on file and may be inspected at the EPA Boston office mentioned above between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

All persons, including applicants, who believe any condition of this draft permit is inappropriate, must raise all issues and submit all available arguments and all supporting material for their arguments in full by August 23, 2007, to the U.S. EPA, 1 Congress Street, Suite 1100, Boston, Massachusetts 02114-2023. Any person, prior to such date, may submit a request in writing to EPA and the State Agency for a public hearing to consider this draft permit. Such requests shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. A public hearing may be held after at least thirty days public notice whenever the Regional Administrator finds that response to this notice indicates significant public interest. In reaching a final decision on this draft permit the Regional Administrator will respond to all significant comments and make the responses available to the public at EPA's Boston office.

FINAL PERMIT DECISION:

Following the close of the comment period, and after a public hearing, if such hearing is held, the Regional Administrator will issue a final permit decision and forward a copy of the final decision to the applicant and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice.

GLENN HAAS, DIRECTOR
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STEPHEN S. PERKINS, DIRECTOR
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