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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Fisheries, Wildlife & Recreational Vehicles
Division of Law Enforcement
100 Cambridge Street, Boston 02202

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Site: <u>NEW BEDFORD</u>
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The Honorable Representative Roger Goyette
State House Room 489
Boston, Ma.

Dear Mr. Goyette:

As discussed at our meeting on June 27, 1984 the Division of Law Enforcement will continue to provide enforcement patrols of New Bedford Harbor at a level that will deter use of the area for recreational fishing and prohibit the recreational or commercial harvesting of shellfish in designated closed area.

During FY 1982-83 the Division of Law Enforcement vessel Evelyn and crew logged 295 boat hrs. and 362 shore patrol hrs. in New Bedford Harbor. FY83-84 has not been tabulated as yet but is equal to or greater than prior years. In addition Region 6 officers have spent much of their time patrolling the Harbor area. This past year the long vacant New Bedford district was assigned an officer on a full time basis. This has resulted in more effective enforcement of the harbor area. Should better quality signs designating the closed areas be used, division officers will make every effort to protect them from vandalism and removal.

I am agreeable to meeting with local enforcement officials to coordinate enforcement efforts as you suggested. Please contact me when a date has been established. I will be looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Allan McGroary

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Acting Director

cc: Commissioner Walter E. Bickford