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Subject: New Bedford harbor - winter flounder

Hi Matt - Just in case there is any concern at EPA that we are raising a new issue with regards to winter flounder, I think that the letter to the the state clearly describes the potential for permanent losses to winter flounder habitat as a result of dredge and fill in the shallow subtidal area. Ian and Deerin know that this is an important issue to both DMF and NMFS. In fact, Ian raised the issue of permanent losses to winter flounder habitat due to dredging in the Weavers Cove MEPA Certificate dated May 29, 2009. I think that EPA has fully communicated our concerns to the state, and I did not want you to think that NMFS was trying to raise new issues late in the game.

Have a great weekend,
Chris



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