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Water Management Act Permit Application
Department of Environmental Protection
Southeast Regional Office
For the Taunton River Watershed

The Department of Environmental Protection will accept written comments on the Water Management Act (WMA) application filed for permitting in the Taunton River Watershed. The permit application requests authorization for water withdrawals through February 28, 2010, under the Water Management Act, M.G.L. c. 21G. Comments must be submitted by close of business on Wednesday, April 16, 2008, to the Department of Environmental Protection, Southeast Regional Office, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, Massachusetts, 02347, Attention: Jim McLaughlin, or via e-mail to james.m.mclaughlin@state.ma.us. A copy of the application is available for review at the Department's Southeast Regional Office, Lakeville; please contact the Service Center at (508) 946-2718 to schedule an appointment.

C.J.W. Realty Trust, Cary Whitmore, Trustee, of East Bridgewater has applied for a WMA permit to withdraw water for cranberry bog irrigation. The applicant has requested a permit for 0.15 million gallons per day (MGD) on an average daily basis to irrigate approximately seventeen (17) acres of existing, unregistered bog. The application is only for existing bog and does not propose any further construction. The permit application is for a surface water withdrawal off Plymouth Street in East Bridgewater at Latitude 42 ° 01' 08" and Longitude 70 ° 56' 18". The water source is an existing, on-site reservoir.

The site is not within an area listed as a Priority Habitat of Rare Species, or an Estimated Habitat of Rare Wildlife by the October 1, 2006 Edition of the Massachusetts Natural Heritage Atlas (page 138). The farm discharges to, but does not withdraw from, the Satucket River, which is an anadromous fishery.