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Public Notice: Review of the 2015 Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan

On behalf of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (EEA), the Office of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) is providing notice of the availability of the draft document entitled, “Review of the Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan - November 2020.” This document presents a review of the 2015 Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan.

The 2008 Oceans Act requires EEA to review the Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan at least once every five years. The draft review document evaluates the ocean plan as a whole, as well as its key components including the siting and management standards, delineation of critical coastal resources and maritime uses, Baseline Assessment, and Science Framework. Additionally, this document suggests a framework for policy updates and priority science objectives to support implementation of the ocean plan over the next five years. It incorporates stakeholder input, reports on progress made to date, and has been developed with support from and reviewed by the Ocean Advisory Commission and Ocean Science Advisory Council.

An important part of the plan review process is to seek input on the draft review document from stakeholders through public comment. To view or download the document, please see the Massachusetts Ocean Management Plan website at <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/review-of-the-2015-massachusetts-ocean-management-plan> or contact Patrice Bordonaro, CZM, at 617-626-1211 or Patrice.Bordonaro@state.ma.us.

Comments will be accepted until 5:00 PM on Monday, December 14, 2020. Written comments should be e-mailed to Prassede Vella at prassede.vella@mass.gov or mailed to:

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