

The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs and its Office of Coastal Zone Management are requesting public comments on the intent to designate the coastal waters of Marblehead, Salem, Danvers, Beverly, and Manchester-By-The-Sea as a boat sewage No Discharge Area. Under Section 312(f)(3) of the federal Clean Water Act, Congress has allowed states to designate waterbodies as "no discharge" for those waters that the states determines to be ecologically and recreationally important enough to deserve additional protection. The application to the US Environmental Protection Agency must also demonstrate that adequate boat sewage pump-out facilities and outreach and enforcement components are in place.

Written comments on the proposed No Discharge Area designation will be considered. Comments must be received by 4:30 p.m. on April 16, 2008 (21 days after publication of this notice in the Environmental Monitor). Comments should be sent to:

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