

The Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs and its Office of Coastal Zone Management are requesting public comments on the intent to designate Boston Harbor—from Winthrop to Hull, east to The Graves and west to the DCR dams on the Mystic, Charles, and Neponset Rivers—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 29, 2008 (21 days after publication of this notice in the Environmental Monitor). Comments should be sent to:

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