



Town of Nantucket

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April 4, 2017

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, Catherine Flanagan Stover, duly elected Clerk of the Town and County of Nantucket, hereby certify that the April 1, 2017 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING resolved the following Sense of the Meeting at the April 1st 2017 adjourned session.

SENSE OF THE MEETING REQUEST REGARDING SMALL MESH FISHING GEAR CLOSURE

In the continuing efforts to be excellent stewards of the waters and fisheries around Nantucket Island the citizens of Nantucket are requesting improved management of our waters for present and future generations. Protection of spawning squid and squid mops, river herring, and sea herring are critical components to managing these resources. To that end Nantucket is requesting equivalent protection to the other 90% of Massachusetts coastal communities as shown on the attached map. This map shows 70 coastal communities in Massachusetts, 63 of which have a great level of habitat and fisheries protection. Nantucket has not been afforded such protection to date. The citizens of Nantucket are all taxpayers in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts like the other coastal communities on the attached map and should be afforded the same protection as the majority of the Commonwealth's coastal communities.

The citizens of Nantucket are requesting a mobile gear closure (bottom and midwater dragners and hydraulic and regular clam dredges) with no waivers, letters of authorization or other means of waving the closure. This area would extend out to 3 miles from the Nantucket archipelago including Nantucket, Tuckernuck and Muskeget from May 1 thru October 31.

(Board of Selectmen)

VOTE: Approval of the Motion by Majority Voice Vote.

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Monday, June 26, 2017

Office of the Clerk of the Senate
24 Beacon Street, Room 335
State House
Boston, MA 02133

Dear Clerk Welch,

I hope you and your wonderful team are well.

Enclosed is a raised seal copy from the Town of Nantucket, showing approval at town meeting for S.411 - An Act prohibiting the use of mobile gear in certain waters off the coast of the town of Nantucket.

I would ask that this serve as notice for local approval to be recorded in support of this bill.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Julian Cyr".

8 (ii) the mouth of the net or dredge is not out of the water and secured to the vessel's sides
9 or stern.

10 (b) This act shall not apply to any vessel fishing surf clam, ocean quahog, bay quahog
11 dredge or scallop dredge or any vessel fishing within a shellfish fishery regulated by the town of
12 Nantucket.

13 (c) A person or entity using mobile gear in violation of this section may be punished by:
14 (i) a fine of not less than \$500 nor more than \$1000; (ii) the suspension or revocation of any
15 licenses, permits or certificates granted pursuant to chapter 130 of the General Laws; and (iii)
16 seizure or forfeiture of fish unlawfully taken.