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## PUBLIC NOTICE

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This office has under consideration the application of:

Department of Environmental Management  
Fish and Wildlife Division  
3 Fort Wetherall Road  
Jamestown, RI 02835

for a State of Rhode Island Assent to construct and maintain: small cultch reefs in four areas of the RI DEM Ninigret Pond Shellfish Spawner Sanctuary. Scientific evaluation and monitoring of the project will occur before and after the areas receive cultch. Total footprint of the clutched area is 2,152 square feet. Please see the 2 attached maps.

Project Location:	Ninigret Pond
City/Town:	Charlestown
Waterway:	Ninigret Pond

Plans of the proposed work may be seen at the CRMC office in Wakefield.

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act (Chapter 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws) you may request a hearing on this matter.

You are advised that if you have good reason to enter protests against the proposed work it is your privilege to do so. It is expected that objectors will review the application and plans thoroughly, visit site of proposed work if necessary, to familiarize themselves with the conditions and cite what law or laws, if any, would in their opinion be violated by the work proposed.

If you desire to protest, you must attend the scheduled hearing and give sworn testimony. A notice of the time and place of such hearing will be furnished you as soon as possible after receipt of your request for hearing. If you desire to request a hearing, to receive consideration, it should be in writing (**with your correct mailing address, e-mail address and valid contact number**) and be received at this office on or before October 2, 2015.

**Figure 1.** General locations of the 4 study plots within the RI DEM Shellfish Spawner Sanctuary in the western end of the RI DEM Ninigret Pond Shellfish Management Area in, Charlestown RI. Each study plot contains 2 experimental reef sites and 1 control site. A figure legend is located on the next page. In short displayed are: rocks and boulders located along the northern-shore (red pentagons); moorings (anchors); oyster reefs created by the NRCS EQIP program from 2008-2010 (tan circle containing an oyster), and the subaqueous soil type as identified and mapped by the Map Coast Project with comments from the TNC oyster suitability model output.

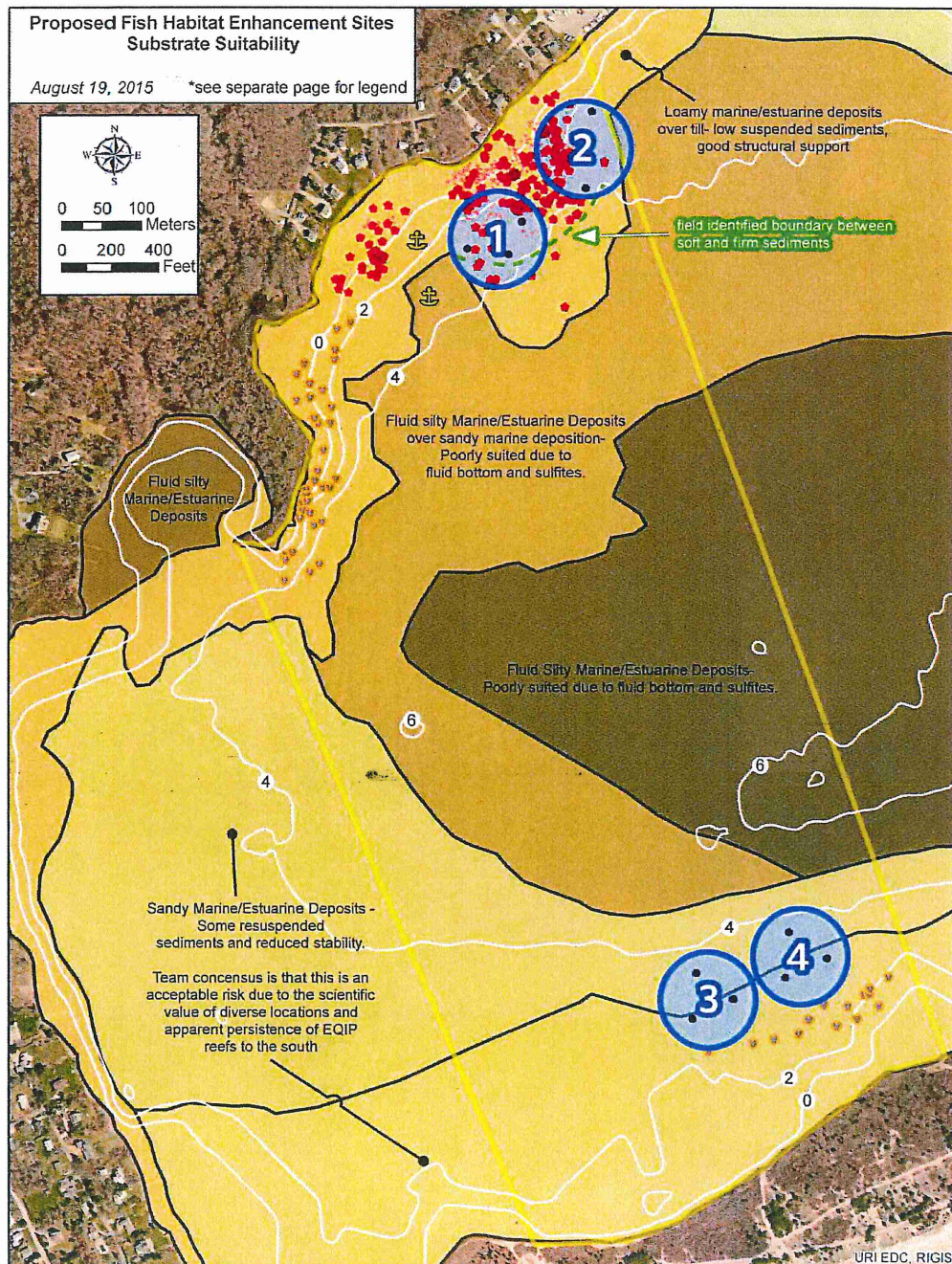




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