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PUBLIC NOTICE

File Number: 2016-06-100 Date: August 30, 2016

This office has under consideration the application of:

Department of Environmental Management
Division of Fish and Wildlife
277 Great Neck Road
West Kingston, RI 02892

for a State of Rhode Island Assent to construct and maintain: a 2.94 acre oyster reef area for research concerning finfish enhancement in Quonochontaug Pond. This is area #2 on the attached map and is part of the three separate proposed research reef areas.

Project Location:	Quonochontaug Pond
City/Town:	Charlestown
Waterway:	Quonochontaug 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 September 29, 2016.

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Proposed Work: Scientific research to assess if enhancing fish habitat by creating oyster reefs increases the growth and survival of fish populations

Water Body Name: Quonochontaug Pond

City/State/ Zip: Charlestown & Westerly, Rhode Island

Site Location: A research plot (Plot #2) will be established within the eastern portion of the current Shellfish Management Area of Quonochontaug Pond, Charlestown, RI. The latitude and longitude for the corner points of the research plot are presented in Table 1 and Figures 1 & 2.

Applicant(s): Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
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Primary Investigators: Sara Coleman (Coastal Restoration Scientist)

*TNC is the co-applicant

Date Submitted: _____



Figure 1. Proposed configuration for research plot #2 and associated experimental reefs (3) and control (1) in the eastern end of Quonochontaug Pond, Charlestown RI.

