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PUBLIC NOTICE

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This office has under consideration the application of:

Department of Environmental Management & RI Chapter of the Nature Conservancy
Division of Marine Fisheries 159 Waterman Street
3 Fort Wetherall Road Providence, RI 02906
Jamestown, RI 02835

for a State of Rhode Island Assent to construct and maintain:

three sites of five reefs per site (please see attached map) of shell reefs seeded with oysters with the purpose of examining the reef effects on the fish aggregation to the reefs.

Project Location:	Point Judith Pond (sites 1, 2, and 3)
City/Town:	South Kingstown
Waterway:	Point Judith Pond

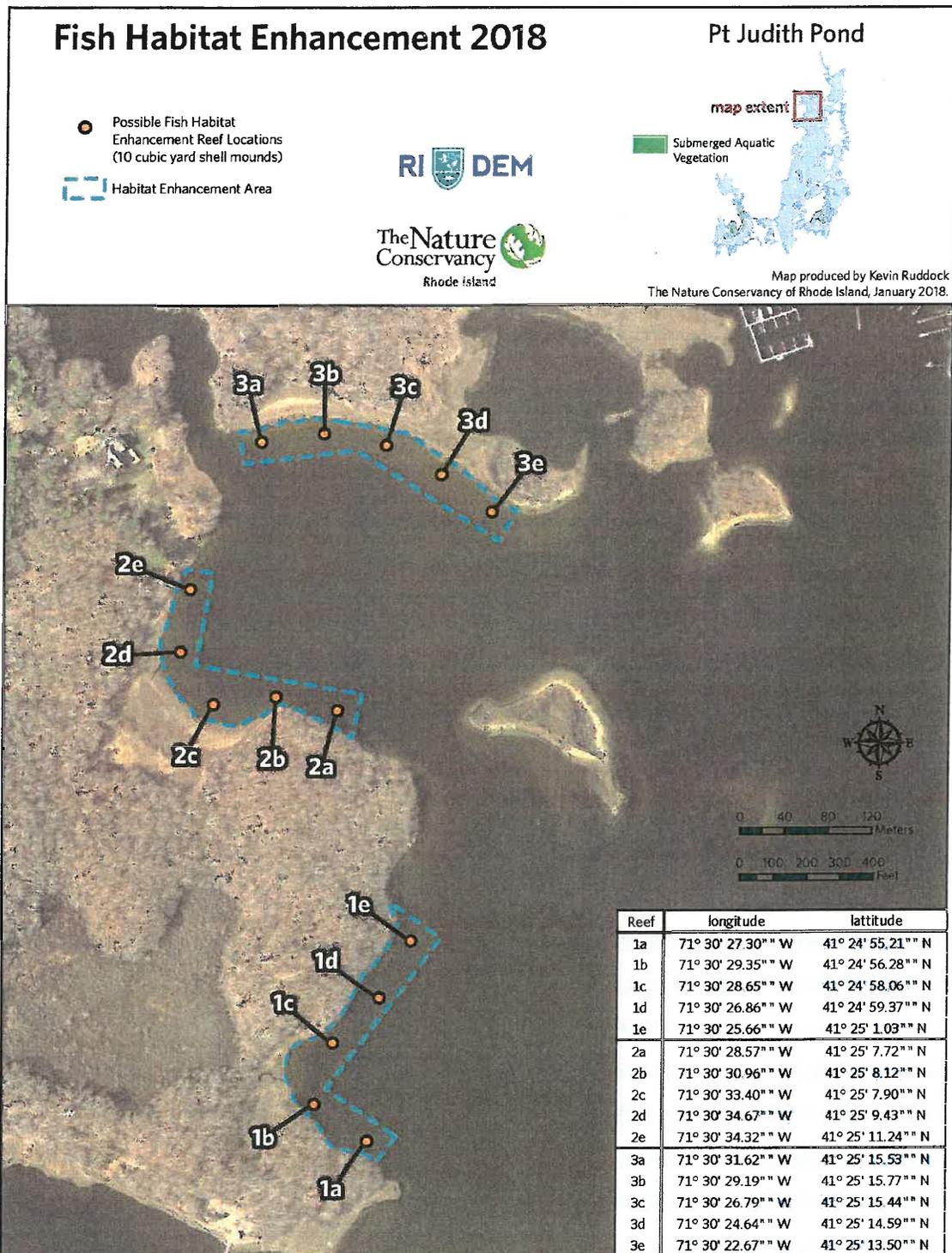
Plans of the proposed work may be seen at the CRMC office in Wakefield.

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 **June 25, 2018**.

Figure 1. Proposed configuration for research sites 1-3 and associated experimental reefs (4) and control (1) in the northern end of Pt Judith Pond, South Kingstown, RI.



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Figure 2. Side profile of an experimental reef showing the maximum “built” height immediately following reef creation. We note that the volume of shell at a given site will be a function of desired final reef height and water depth at the site, as well as expected effects from reef subsidence. Each reef will be round extending 8 feet from the center, have a total footprint of ~ 200 ft², and comprised not more than 10 cubic yards (y³) of steam-shucked surf clam and seasoned oyster shell. We anticipate the top of each reef will be typically 12-30 inches below mean low water depending on the site and given tide.

