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PUBLIC NOTICE

File Numbers: 2018-07-046; 2018-07-047; 2018-07-048 Date: July 25, 2018

This office has under consideration the applications of:

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

**RI Chapter of The Nature Conservancy
 159 Waterman Street
 Providence, RI 02906**

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. Please note that three sites were considered through public notice on May 24, 2018. With the newly proposed sites (4, 5, and 6) six sites will be considered but only three sites total will be selected for reef construction.

Project Location:	Point Judith Pond (Site 4), (Site 5) and (Site 6)
City/Town:	South Kingstown (Sites 4 and 5); Narragansett (Site 6)
Plat/Lot:	N/A
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 August 24, 2018.

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Figure 1. Proposed configuration of fish habitat enhancement research sites (RS) 1-6, each of which would contain 4 small scale reefs and 1 control (undisturbed) in the northern end of Pt Judith Pond, RI. The experimental design of this research project requires a total of three (3) RS. Note that RS sites 1, 2, 3 were originally sent to CRMC public notice (PN) (see CRMC File # 201-05-063; 201-05-064; 201-05-065). Current applications for alternative locations RS 4, 5, 6 are in response to stakeholder feedback on previous locations, including RS 2, 3 in Congdon Cove.

