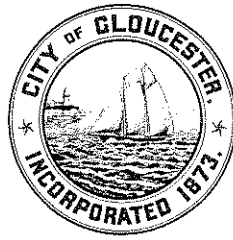


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## CITY OF GLOUCESTER OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

### **Press Release -- May 5, 2010**

### **Mayor Kirk, Senator Tarr and Representative Ferrante Call for 7-Day Progress Report on New Fishing Regulations**

**GLOUCESTER:** Mayor Carolyn Kirk, Senator Bruce Tarr, and Representative Ann-Margaret Ferrante have called for a public meeting to hear from fishermen on how the implementation of the new fishing regulations is going. Said Kirk, "every day matters because every day the new system is in place is a day closer Gloucester fishermen are to going out of business. We want to hear directly from fishermen on the impact of the new regulations now that they are seven days into it."

Senator Tarr concurs and said, "the clock is ticking as we begin a management program with the potential to end the groundfishery as we know it. We can't afford to wait to determine its impacts, and this meeting will give us an important opportunity to develop a strategy on going forward to protect fishing families and our port."

"I along with my colleagues intend on watching NOAA's fisheries management experiment closely given that it stands to devastate many of our neighbors, friends and family. I am deeply disappointed that NOAA and the NMFS are not engaged with the industry on this level. I look forward to hearing about the real time impacts, successes and failures of the implementation" said Representative Ferrante.

The meeting will be held on Friday, May 7 beginning at 8:30am in City Hall Kyrouz Auditorium. The agenda is as follows:

- I. Welcome: Mayor Kirk
- II. Report on the Status of the Fisheries including enforcement, implementation of Amendment 16, and update on advocacy efforts: Senator Tarr and Representative Ferrante
- III. Seven Day Progress Report from Gloucester fishermen – Public Comment by Fishermen
- IV. Discussion on Action Plan

Fishermen are encouraged to attend and offer public comment on how the new regulations have impacted their business. The offices of Congressman John Tierney, US Senator John Kerry, and US Senator Scott Brown have also been invited to attend listen to the progress report of Gloucester fishermen on the new federal fishing regulations.