

New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services

Invitation to Press Event: Shellfishing to Resume on the Bellamy River

You are cordially invited to join the Officials from the N.H. Department of Environmental Services, the City of Dover, N.H. Estuaries Project, the N.H. Fish and Game Department, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to announce the official reopening of a portion of the Bellamy River in Dover to shellfish harvesting after a 20-year ban. The removal of the prohibition on shellfish harvesting comes as a result of several years of pollution source control efforts, water monitoring, and other studies on the tidal river.

The press event will include keynote speakers from several of the partners in this joint effort. For more information on the Shellfish Program, visit: <http://www.des.nh.gov/wmb/shellfish/>

What: **Press Event to celebrate the reopening of the Bellamy River to shellfish harvesting.**

Where: **Bellamy River Saltwater Fishing Access Point, Route 4/Scammel Bridge (west side of bridge, towards Durham), at the town lines of Dover/Madbury/Durham, New Hampshire. Note: Parking is limited, so carpooling is strongly encouraged. Please use caution when crossing Route 4 from the parking area to the event location, as Route 4 is a very busy highway.**

When: **Thursday, November 17, 2005, 10: 30 a.m.**

In the Event of Rain: The event will be moved indoors to the NHDES Pease Field Office, 50 International Drive, Suite 200, Portsmouth, N.H. If the weather looks bad, please call (603) 559-1508 after 8:30 a.m. on November 17th for a recorded message on whether the event location has been moved indoors. *Directions to Rain Location:* Spaulding Turnpike South, Exit 1 (Pease Tradeport). Go right at end of ramp, left at first set of lights. At the next stop sign, turn right, then immediate left into the DES parking lot.

Directions: From Concord or Durham, take Route 4 East towards Portsmouth. Just before the Scammel Bridge, turn right into the parking lot on the Little Bay side of the Scammel Bridge. The event will be held at the parking area on the other side of the highway (Bellamy River side, or north side, of the bridge).

From Dover, take Back River Road/Piscataqua Road to the signalized intersection with Route 4. Turn left, and then proceed to the Scammel Bridge as described above.

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