

MDMF Fall 2018 Clubs Report

Marine Fisheries Report

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- **Deer Island-** The bid for this pier went out over the summer. All bids came back very high. The division will be sending the plans back out to bid soon and hoping for a more competitive outcome.
- **Future projects:** Once we have some clarity on Deer Island we will be able to focus on other areas and projects in places like Fall River, Salem, and Dartmouth where we have had discussions and have Land Management Agreements.
- **Small Grant:** The advertisement for small grant went out in August. All proposals are due on October 3.
- **0 Marion Rd Update-** Commissioner Amidon and Division personnel met at the property in September. Developing.

Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) Samplers season is winding down. Preliminary numbers show increased numbers of interviews with anglers. The best way to manage fisheries is with sound data. If you get stopped by one of these samplers, take five

minutes and do your part to help provide data so managers can make informed sound decisions relating to our fisheries.

Remember by not participating or providing incorrect data you're hurting fisheries management not helping!

Fines and Penalties- The letters that individuals, clubs, counties, and councils wrote in support of increasing fines and penalties for fisheries violations has finally passed. Sometimes it's difficult to stay involved due to the tectonic pace that government works but this effort paid off. Thank you to all who took part in the process.

Anadromous- The anadromous crew is having a bust fall. Currently they are working on three projects.

- Pilgrim Lake, Orleans is getting a new fish ladder. The existing ladder was built in 1935. Most of the design will remain unchanged but it will go from a two slot ladder to a seven slot. This will allow for less stress on the fish passing through this structure.
- Three Mile River, a tributary to the Taunton R in Taunton is getting a brand new fish ladder at Dracut dam. This ladder will be a steep pass ladder. Steep pass ladders allow for passage where steeper grades and lower water volumes or velocities are present.
- North River, Pembroke will be modified to promote fish passage by installing natural steps into this waterway. This project should be completed this or next year.

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