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Attention Selectboards, Mayors, and Town Managers,

The Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) is tasked with finding and funding projects that enhance recreational saltwater fishing opportunities through improved public access. On November 3, 2009 House Bill 4309 instituted a saltwater fishing license. Line 20-22 of that law reads, "Provided that at least 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the license fees appropriated for expenditure in a fiscal year shall be expended on existing or new facilities and other activities that improve public access to recreational saltwater fishing." In order to improve saltwater fishing opportunities we are funding a grant program in the form of a Request for Responses (RFR) to municipalities. This grant opportunity is posted on the state Compass system under: RFR DMF-14011 (<http://www.com-pass.com/>).

To find this solicitation go to:

[www.com-pass.com](http://www.com-pass.com) → Solicitations → Browse All Open Solicitations → By Entity / Department → Department of Fisheries, Wildlife, & Environmental Law Enforcement → Department of Fish and Game → DMF-14011

-If you have any trouble finding this listing please email me at the address below and I will forward you a direct link.

This opportunity exists for all towns with waters that require a Saltwater Fishing permit according to DMF regulations. Potential project types include but are not limited to: clearing of ways to the water, installation of lights on a fishing pier, installing parking for fishing access sites, improving existing boat launches, etc. This Grant opportunity has a closing date of March 28, 2014. As a pilot program we have limited the amount to \$10,000.00 per project. Some of the requirements that municipalities must agree to include an equitable public access agreement. Any questions should be directed to Ross K. Kessler at [ross.kessler@state.ma.us](mailto:ross.kessler@state.ma.us).

Thank you,

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