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February 26, 2020

Chilmark Selectmen
401 Middle Road
Chilmark, MA 02535

Subject: Meet the Fleet 2020

Dear Chilmark Selectmen,

We would like to request permission to hold our fifth annual Meet the Fleet on Thursday, August 6, 2018 from 3pm to 7 pm, on the docks in Menemsha. Similar to past years, we plan to have a tent and tables in the area of Karsten Larsen and Matt Mayhew's lots extending to the Menemsha Fish House. We plan to have similar activities as past year's events including: fish filet demonstrations, crab races, vessel tours (a Coast Guard vessel, the Roann, and an Environmental Police vessel), fishing pictures/facts posted along the dock pilings, live (softly amplified) music from a local band, net mending and scallop shucking competitions, fish printing, and an oyster raw bar. Similar to last year, we also plan to have the helicopter rescue demonstration performed by the Coast Guard. The one addition for this year's event is the addition of the Coast Guard's 87-foot patrol boat, Cobia which would offer an additional boat for the public to tour.

This event will continue to be free. We will accept donations, sell T-shirts and tickets for raffle prizes, and have a silent auction. No beverages of any kind (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) will be served at this event. The only food handed out will be oysters from our raw bar.

Commercial fishing boats will be arranged in coordination with the Harbormaster to allow fishermen and the public to interact. Other than the Coast Guard, Environmental Police, and Roann vessels, the public will not be allowed to board fishing vessels, with appropriate signage informing attendees.

We greatly appreciate the Town's continued support for this event and its celebration of our island's working waterfronts and fishermen.

Thank you,

The Martha's Vineyard Fishermen's Preservation Trust Board of Directors:
John Keene, Shelley Edmundson, Katie Carroll, Emily Bramhall, Wes Brighton,
Warren Doty, Todd Goodell, Matt Mayhew, Chris Scott, Stanley Startzell, and David
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