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Subject: Meet the Fleet Statement

Dear Chilmark Selectmen,

We would like to provide an overview of our Meet the Fleet Event, scheduled for Thursday, August 6, 2015. We plan to have a few tables and small tents in the area of Matt Mayhew's lot and extend to the Menemsha Fish House. The event will start at 4 pm and end at 7 pm. During this time we plan to have a fish fillet demonstration (every ½ hour; no fillets will be distributed to the public and we will fill out necessary Board of Health forms). Additionally, we plan to have an oyster shucking demonstration with free samples available to the public. Another table will have an activity for kids (Conch tagging? Fish prints?). The touch tank at the Menemsha Texaco will be available for kids to investigate some of our local marine life. We will have information about our group and the island's fisheries (possibly a video or slideshow) and we will accept donations and sell tickets for a small raffle prize. We hope to have fishing boats docked next to this area with fishermen available to talk with the public and answer any questions.

No beverages of any kind (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) will be served at this event. The only food handed out will be free oyster samples from our shucking demonstrations. We plan to have some non-amplified music only during the time frame of the event (4 pm to 7 pm). We are looking forward to this event and see it as an important opportunity to communicate and educate the community about the island's commercial fishing world.

Thank you,