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February 15, 2017

Chilmark Selectmen
401 Middle Road
Chilmark, MA 02535

Subject: Meet the Fleet 2017

Dear Chilmark Selectmen,

We would like to request permission to hold our third annual Meet the Fleet on Thursday, August 3, 2017 from 4 to 7 pm, on the docks in Menemsha. Similar to the past two years, we plan to have a tent and tables in the area of Matt Mayhew's lot extending to the Menemsha Fish House. The event will start at 4 pm and end at 7 pm. During this time we plan to have similar activities as last year's event including: fish filet demonstrations, crab races, tours on a Coast Guard vessel, tours on the historic fishing vessel, Roann, fishing pictures/facts posted along the dock pilings, live (softly amplified) music from Good Night Louise, and oyster shucking demonstrations with free samples available to the public. In addition to these activities, we hope to add safety demonstrations/contests to this year's event. Fishing boats will be arranged in coordination with the Harbormaster to allow fishermen and the public to interact, learn about fishing gear, and ask questions. This event will continue to be free, but we will accept donations and sell T-shirts and tickets for raffle prizes.

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 are looking forward to this event and see it as an important opportunity to celebrate and educate the community about the island's commercial fishing world.

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, Stanley Startzell, and David While



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