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**MEDIA ADVISORY**

**GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY SET  
FOR NEW FEDERAL FISHERIES OFFICE BUILDING IN GLOUCESTER**

Federal officials are sponsoring a groundbreaking ceremony in Gloucester, Mass. on the site of a new building that will house the northeast regional office of NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries Service). The Agency will lease the building, which is rising in the Blackburn Industrial Park. NOAA currently houses staff in multiple buildings in Gloucester, and plans to consolidate everyone under one roof when the new building is completed.

The building is owned by JDL Castle Corporation, and is designed by 4240 Architecture Inc.

**GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY**  
**NOAA Fisheries Service Northeast Regional Office**

**WHERE**

55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930

**WHEN**

November 28, 2006 10:00 am – 11:00 am

**ATTENDEES (confirmed)**

Mayor of Gloucester, John Bell  
NOAA Chief of Staff Scott Rayder  
NOAA Fisheries Service Deputy Assistant Administrator John Oliver  
NOAA Fisheries Service Northeast Regional Administrator Patricia Kurkul  
State Senator Bruce Tarr  
State Representative Anthony Verga

**INVITED GUESTS (attendance not yet confirmed)**

Senator Edward Kennedy  
Senator John Kerry  
Congressman John Tierney  
Gloucester City Council members

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NOAA Fisheries Service is dedicated to protecting and preserving the nation's living marine resources and their habitat through scientific research, management, and enforcement. NOAA Fisheries Service provides effective stewardship of these resources for the benefit of the nation, supporting coastal communities that depend upon them, and helping to provide safe and healthy seafood to consumers and recreational opportunities for the American public.

In 2007 NOAA, an agency of the U.S. Commerce Department, celebrates 200 years of science and service to the nation. Starting with the establishment of the U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey in 1807 by Thomas Jefferson much of America's scientific heritage is rooted in NOAA.

The agency is dedicated to enhancing economic security and national safety through the prediction and research of weather and climate-related events and information service delivery for transportation, and by providing environmental stewardship of our nation's coastal and marine resources. Through the emerging Global Earth Observation System of Systems (GEOSS), NOAA is working with its federal partners, more than 60 countries and the European Commission to develop a global monitoring network that is as integrated as the planet it observes, predicts and protects.

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On the Web:

NOAA: <http://www.noaa.gov>

NOAA Fisheries Service: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov>

NOAA Fisheries Service Northeast Region: <http://www.nero.noaa.gov/nero/>