



# FISHING for ENERGY

Generating new energy from old gear.

## NOTICE TO MARINERS Chatham Harbormaster Department

The Fishing for Energy program is a collaborative effort between the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation (NFWF), the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Covanta Energy, Schnitzer Steel and local communities to reduce the amount of unused fishing gear in the community and marine environment. The project provides a place for the fishing community to dispose of old or derelict fishing gear they recover while at sea at no cost. To ease the burden on fishermen, these private and public agencies have created the Fishing for Energy program to provide fishermen a place to dispose their gear free of charge. This project also provides the fishing community with a means to become more actively involved in addressing existing derelict fishing gear by giving them a place to dispose of this gear they come across on the water. Covanta Energy Corporation joined this partnership to provide a preferable alternative for the disposal of gear by accepting gear at its energy from waste facilities free of charge. As part of this project and in keeping with the Board of Selectmen's and Town of Chatham policy of conservation and recycling, Covanta Energy will provide a roll off container at our transfer facility on Sam Ryder Road for fishermen and other mariners from Chatham and other mid-Cape communities to dispose of derelict and old fishing gear free of charge to the fishermen, mariners and tax payers. Covanta Energy will not only provide the container but will pay for all trucking, transportation and unloading of the containers. Currently we are working with this collaborative and the Superintendent of the transfer facility to develop a simple program that accepts other community's vehicles into the transfer station to use this container. It is often very difficult for local fishermen to dispose of old and unused fishing gear. The transfer station has in the past been reluctant to accept this gear because they had no place to dispose of it. So this program will solve cleaning up old and derelict gear around the communities and from our waterways. There will be a kick off event for this program on:

September 9, 2008 @ 11:00 a.m.  
Chatham Fish Pier

A roll off container will be available on the 9<sup>th</sup> for individuals to deposit unused and ghost fishing gear. The container will then be re-located to the Chatham transfer station for the convenience of all to utilize for any future gear disposal.

We hope that members of the community will be able to attend. Thank you and we'd be happy to hear any suggestions or input you may have. Contact Stuart or Susan at (508) 945-5185.