



MassWildlife

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Division of Fisheries & Wildlife

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Procedure for Contacting the Division When a Fish Kill Has Been Reported

When you receive a call about dead fish, **regardless of the circumstances**, follow these procedures for contacting the Division of Fisheries & Wildlife, the lead agency for coordinating fish kill response:

- Get the name and phone number of an actual witness to the fish kill
- Call the Fish Kill Coordinator, Richard Hartley at: office (508) 389-6330 or cell (508) 479-4092. If the Fish Kill Coordinator is unavailable, leave a message including the name and number of the witness and the location of the fish kill.
- From April 1st through October 1st, **Concurrent with contacting the Fish Kill Coordinator**, call the Fish Kill cell phone at (508) 450-5869.
- If you do not hear back from the Fish Kill Coordinator or the Fisheries Biologist on call within ½ hour, call the Department of Environmental Law Enforcement Radio Room which is staffed 24/7 at 1-800-632-8075.
- Outside of the standby time period (October 2nd through March 31st), if a fish kill report is received outside of normal working hours, 8:00-4:30 or on a weekend or holiday, leave a message on the Fish Kill Coordinator's work phone and cell phone. If you do not hear back from the Fish Kill Coordinator within ½ hour, call the Environmental Law Enforcement Radio Room at 1-800-632-8075.
- **All media inquiries must be forwarded to Amy Mahler at:**

(617) 626-1129 Work

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