

Cape Cod Bay Watch opens Main Street office

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What's this?the Bay's aquatic resources."

PLYMOUTH — “Watch,” that’s the word that, by design, stands out on the new logo for Cape Cod Bay Watch, a “volunteer public interest group dedicated to stopping Entergy’s destructive ‘once through’ cooling water operations at its nuclear reactor.”

CCBW wants residents of the area who are used to looking at the sails and the sunsets and the whales breaching in the waters of Stellwagen Bank to take a second look at those waters.

Watch, they say, what’s going across the country, where “once through” cooling is no longer permitted because of concerns about its effect on local waters.

Watch the NRC, they state, which relicensed Pilgrim based on what they assert was a faulty 1970s Clean Water Act report, an outdated water quality certificate and an invalid Coastal Zones Management certificate.

Watch, the CCBW says, because no agency of the commonwealth has said a word in response, compromising the state’s independence.

To help residents of the area closely watch the Bay, the group has opened an office in downtown Plymouth, just off Shirley Square, which will be staffed from 10 to 6 p.m. weekdays (and occasionally weekends) by Campaign Coordinator Karen Vale.

Vale has a decade of experience with wildlife and natural resource research, outreach and education, with a specialty in ocean protection issues.

The grand opening of the new office, located at 58C Court St., took place last Friday, and the staff hit the ground running, signing up dozens of people for the group’s email list.

“The opening exceeded our expectations,” CCBW Co-founder Attorney Meg Sheehan told the *Old Colony*. “It was an exciting evening and attendees included Rep. Tom Calter and a representative from Congressman Keating’s office. There were many new faces, as well as long-time supporters from around the region.”

Sheehan explained that CCBW plans to use the historic downtown location as a focal point for community education and outreach about the town’s longstanding relationship with Cape Cod Bay, its natural resources and fishing and tourist industry.

“From the time the Pilgrim’s landed, the Bay’s natural resources have changed dramatically,” Sheehan elaborated, “and we plan to raise awareness about threats to these resources and what people can do to preserve and restore them.”

Noted environmentalist and Jones River Watershed Association Executive Director Pine duBois, one of CCBW partners, said the new organization’s early focus will be on education.

“Our most immediate goal is to educate the public about impacts of Entergy’s Pilgrim Power Station,” duBois said, “especially the intake of massive amounts of Cape Cod Bay water to cool the reactor and transforming it to heated and polluted water – an operation that we know has devastating impacts on

CCBW will also continue to look to expand its network of allies who share a concern for the ecological health of Cape Cod Bay, duBois noted.

Though the office has just opened, CCBW is already programming its space.

“Two chapters of the 1930 edition of *Moby Dick* by Herman Melville, containing illustrations by Rockwell Kent, will be read aloud by volunteer Anne Bingham, beginning at noon Sunday (Sept. 16),” Sheehan revealed.

These readings will continue throughout the year.

“The significance of this novel to the CCBW mission,” Sheehan explained, “is its detailed and extensive descriptions of the slaughter of right and sperm whales for their oil, which was a significant energy source in the early 19th century.”

The new offices of Cape Cod Bay Watch are located in downtown Plymouth, at 58C Main Street, in the brick alcove adjacent to Brennan’s Smoke Shop.

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The state charges us to fish in the ocean and limits our catches but Entergy can kill millions of fish every year and it's ok?

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upper crust for sale another one bites the dust

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Loved Donna D'errico on Bay Watch. Will she be working in this office? I heard David Hasselhoff will be a lifeguard on Plymouth Beach next summer.

Saul Telode
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Where are all the dead fish? They must be the kind that sink to the bottom and never float or wash ashore.

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Would the OCM please do a follow up on this story and tell me how this organization is being funded? Please don't tell me privately, I won't believe you. Please don't tell me it's public funding, as I will puke.

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So you all have a problem with what they are trying to do? Maybe you should stop in and educate yourselves instead of wasting everyones time with ignorant comments. Especially not using your real names... real safe.

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Actually Saul they are squeezed against the screen every minute of every day from the intake. But why would you care?

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So, again I ask, who is paying for this????? I'm glad they opened up next to a smoke shop. It won't be so hard for them to blow smoke up our *&. I have a problem with people who sit around think they know taxpayer dollars should be spent to ruin the oceans and fishing and boating. They probably sit in there all day and knit, and lick and stamp Obama mailings. I want to know how this office is being funded. Don't give me the crap about the nuke plant, etc., Wed g Eb (real name???). That is getting really old. My question is on funding. You're just pissed at me because I blew the whistle on you and your wind turbine.

Saul Telode

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So there's not 'plenty of fish in the sea' anymore?

The story above states that the Group is against what goes back out into the ocean to kill fish, not what comes in. Wedge, you are referring to when water is sucked in.

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Can't it be both? Not that hard to figure out. Huge amounts of seawater sucking fish large and small into the screen 24/7. Maybe if we ask Entergy to show us how they clean the screens we could see for ourselves?

Also we have no clue what is floating out of the nuclear dump into the atmosphere just like we have no clue what is going into the ocean and the ground under the

plant... oh yeah we know about the tritium,,, but they still don't know where that is coming from.

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Saul Telode.....I get it.....hee....hee...hee.

Gotta love the 6th grade little boy humor.

7 hrs. ago.....should be in school learning your reading and rithmatic troll kid. Just be cool and stay in school.

I miss the witty banter from posters such as UHypocrite and Slingblade/Zorba.....Why OCM WHY??????

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Mr. Show, I was home sick last week. I'm studying hard and on track to be your boss in a few years. Or will I be your Master...?

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No amount of studying would achieve that goal.....but maybe someday I'll let you be my pool boy.....

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OK, I'll just announce it then. I am your boss starting today. Now get me those TPS Reports.

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Sorry Saul-T.....but I'm not your 'Office Space' type. Go back to your cubical.....

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