



EPA Community Involvement and Institutional Control Plan for Seafood Consumption

NBH Public Meeting
April 23, 2015



Development Process

- Community Interviews
 - Gauging awareness: collecting feedback on which populations are aware of superfund site contamination and seafood advisories for the harbor and what is their level of knowledge?
 - Who did we reach out to?
 - For example - Town of Fairhaven; City of New Bedford; Harbor Development Council; Buzzards Bay Coalition; Hands Across the River Coalition; New Bedford Immigration Center; CCT; CDEC; Joseph Abboud Co.; Eastern Fisheries; Old Bedford Village; Sea Lab; Residents from New Bedford, Dartmouth, and Fairhaven
- CIP
 - What is the level of knowledge?
 - Who in the community is lacking awareness of these issues?
 - Why are they unaware of the issue?
 - How can EPA engage those who are unaware and inform them about the issues?



New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site

This section provides a brief description of the Site, the Cleanup Plan and how a recent change in funding will affect the cleanup.

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The Community

This section contains a community profile, a summary of current community concerns and corresponding EPA responses, a brief history of prior community involvement, and recent views and ideas regarding EPA community involvement tools.

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Community Involvement Action Plan

Presented in this section is EPA's action plan for addressing the community involvement issues and concerns identified during the interviews conducted to develop this plan, except for those issues relating to seafood consumption, which are addressed in the next section.

Pages 13-16

Institutional Control Plan for Seafood Consumption

Community concerns relating to seafood consumption and EPA responses are provided here, along with the steps EPA will take to minimize the ingestion of contaminated seafood at the Site, as required by the 1998 ROD.

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Appendices

Contacts, Website, List of Acronyms, Glossary, List of Attachments

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Thoughts About Community Involvement

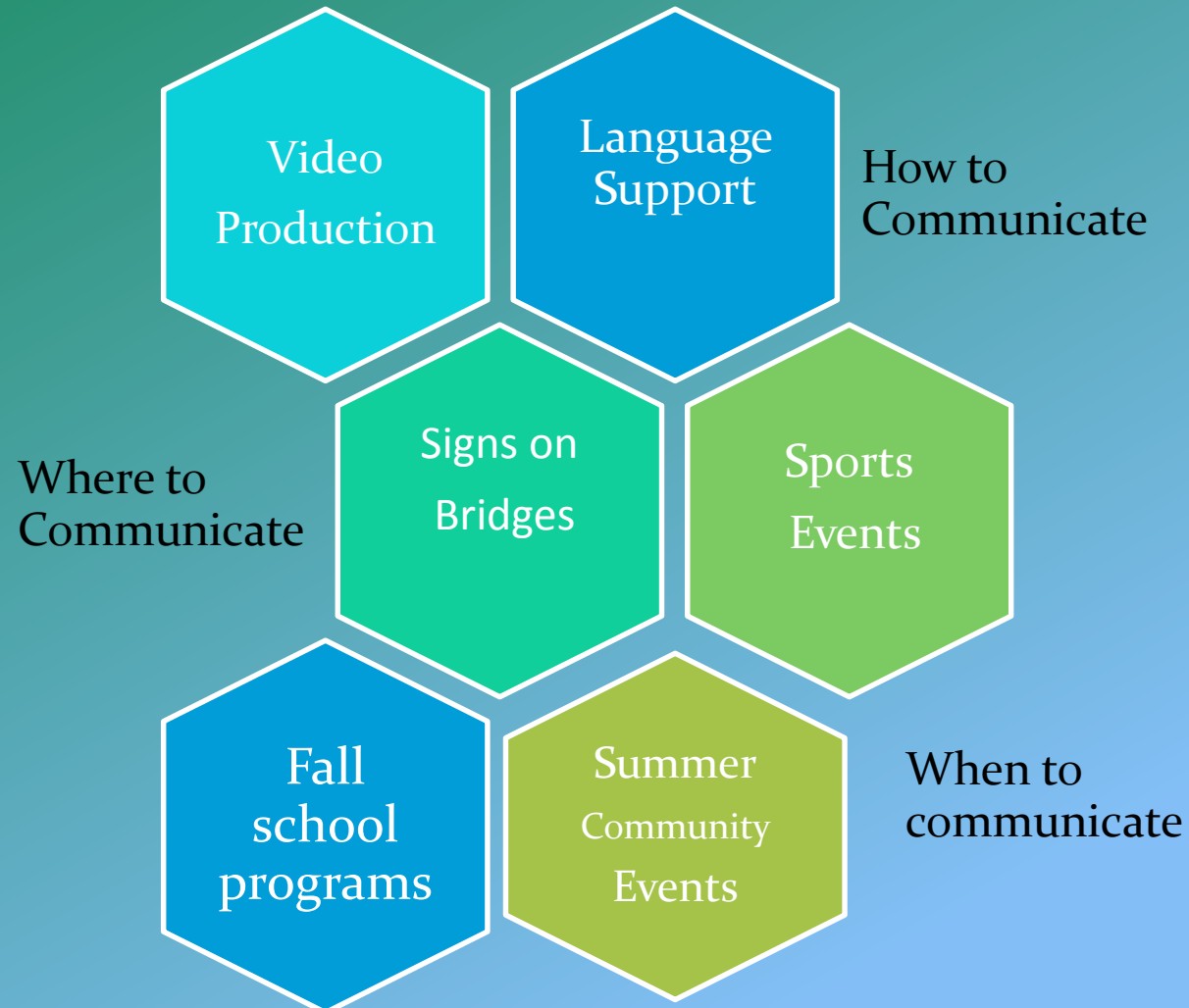
Written
Communications

Meetings/Gatherings

Meet People Where
They Are

Media

Community Involvement Action Plan



Upcoming Activities

- Video Production
 - By end of June 2015, work with CCT to conduct an information session at CCT to give background information about the Site, discuss the cleanup plan, and to raise awareness about the health risks associated with consumption of contaminated seafood
 - If EPA succeeds in finding a way to engage culturally related peers to conduct face to face individual outreach to people actively fishing, EPA will implement this idea as soon as practical during Spring and/or Summer
 - During Spring-Summer of 2015, place signs at newly identified locations.
 - By end of 2015, design new signs depicting the message "do not eat fish"



