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PORT OF NEW BEDFORD GOES GREEN Working Waterfront Festival AHA Program to explore “The Greening of the Port”

New Bedford, MA, April 3, 2008—The Working Waterfront Festival’s April AHA offering is a panel discussion on various environmental initiatives in and around the Port of New Bedford. Abby Swaine of the Environmental Protection Agency will talk about the EPA’s Green Ports Initiative. In partnership with the EPA, New Bedford is working to become the first port on the East Coast to receive a “green port” designation. New Bedford is already the first port on the East Coast and within the continental United States to initiate the “Fishing for Energy Program.” The program enables fishermen to dispose of retired/derelict nets and gear which are then turned into fuel by Covanta Corporation. A representative from Covanta will talk about the program. One ton of derelict marine debris creates enough fuel to heat a home for 25 days. Jeff Ferreira of F&B Rubber, a New Bedford-based company, will talk about the use of recycled tires to create anti-chaffing gear for scallop dredges and fendering systems and more. The New Bedford Harbor Development Commission recently installed 160 recycled tires as part of a fendering system at South Terminal. The program which takes place at 8PM on Thursday, April 10th will be presented free of charge and at the Seaman’s Bethel which is located at 15 Johnny Cake Hill in New Bedford.

The **Working Waterfront Festival** is a project of the **Community Economic Development Center of Southeastern MA**, a non-profit organization. This free family friendly, festival is a celebration of New England's commercial fishing industry, featuring live maritime and ethnic music, fishermen's contests, fresh seafood, vessel tours, author readings, cooking demonstrations, kid's activities and more. It all takes place in New Bedford, MA, America's #1 fishing port, on the fourth full weekend of September. Navigate to us at www.workingwaterfrontfestival.org.