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Director

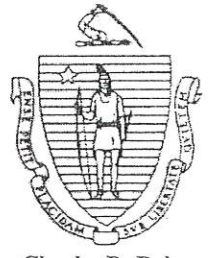
# Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## Division of Marine Fisheries

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October 9, 2016



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### RE: EMERGENCY CLOSURE

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that all approved and conditionally approved areas in the municipalities of Falmouth, Mashpee, Barnstable, Yarmouth, Dennis, Harwich, Chatham, Orleans, Aquinnah, Chilmark, West Tisbury, Tisbury, Oak Bluffs, Edgartown and Nantucket, SC1-SC58, NS1-NS4, V1-V36, NT1-NT14, no longer meet the established criteria for a status of "OPEN TO SHELLFISHING" due to a potentially toxic phytoplankton bloom in the waters of Vineyard Sound, Nantucket Sound and south of Cape Cod, which can cause Amnesiac Shellfish Poisoning (ASP). This closure takes effect at sunrise on October 10, 2016.

Under the authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Sections 74A, and 75, the status of the below defined areas shall be changed to "CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING". Digging, harvesting or collecting and/or attempting to dig, harvest or collect shellfish and the possession of shellfish from the below defined areas are prohibited.

Under authority of 322 CMR 7.01 (7) all permits issued thereunder are hereby conditioned to prohibit the taking, selling or possession of shellfish from the below defined areas.

#### CLASSIFICATION: APPROVED AND CONDITIONALLY APPROVED

#### **TOXIC PLANKTON BLOOM CLOSURE**

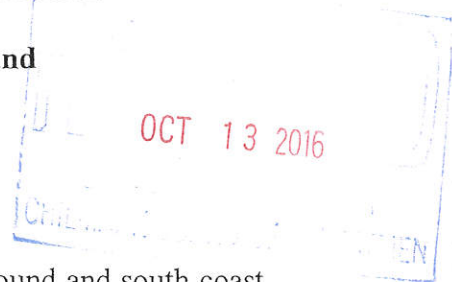
**Status: Closed To Shellfishing with the exception of bay and sea scallop adductor muscles and carnivorous snails**

SC1-SC58, NS1-NS4, V1-V36, NT1-NT14  
Nantucket Sound and south of Cape Cod

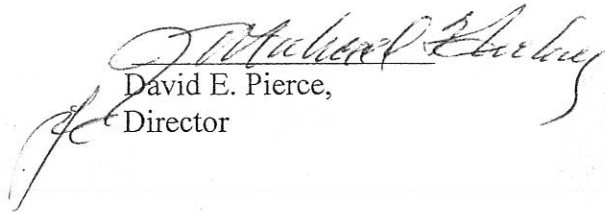
"The waters, flats and all tributaries of Vineyard Sound, Nantucket Sound and south coast of Cape Cod."

The preceding areas shall remain in the closed status until examined by the Division of Marine Fisheries and notification is made that the areas have been placed in the OPEN status.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David E. Pierce", is written over the typed name and title.

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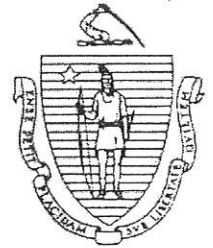
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CORRECTION.

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The previous notice on October 9, 2016 contains an error. The closure does NOT include SC52 through SC58. The Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that all approved and conditionally approved areas in the municipalities of Falmouth, Mashpee, Barnstable, Yarmouth, Dennis, Harwich, Chatham, Orleans, Aquinnah, Chilmark, West Tisbury, Tisbury, Oak Bluffs, Edgartown and Nantucket, SC1-SC51, NS1-NS4, V1-V36, NT1-NT14, no longer meet the established criteria for a status of "OPEN TO SHELLFISHING" due to a potentially toxic phytoplankton bloom in the waters of Vineyard Sound, Nantucket Sound and south of Cape Cod, which can cause Amnesic Shellfish Poisoning (ASP). This closure takes effect at sunrise on October 10, 2016.

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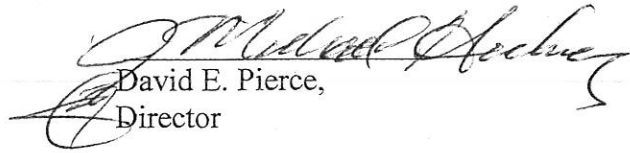
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