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## **Division of Marine Fisheries**

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Ladies & Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 130, section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that the below defined "CONDITIONALLY APPROVED" shellfish growing area in the Menemsha Pond (V:2.1), in the Town of Chilmark, no longer meets the established criteria for the harvest of shellfish due to seasonal water quality changes. The status of this area will be changed to "CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING" as of sunrise on May 1, 2017.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, sections 74A and 75, the status of the below defined area has been changed to "CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING" to the taking of all shellfish. Digging, harvesting or collecting and/or attempting to dig, harvest or collect shellfish and the possession of shellfish from the below defined area is 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 area.

CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED

SEASONAL STATUS CHANGE Status: Closed to Shellfishing

(May 1 - October 31) (All Dates Inclusive)

V:2.1 Menemsha Basin MAY - 4 2017

CHILALIAN GOLD OF SELECTION

"The waters and flats of Menemsha Basin and Dutcher Dock Creek, in the Town of Chilmark, east of a line drawn from the Fl.G.4 Sec. 25' light at the entrance to Menemsha Canal in a southeasterly direction to the Menemsha Drive On Dock."