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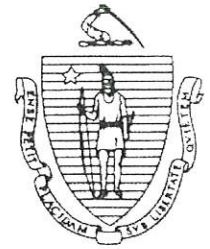
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August 22, 2017

Honorable Select Boards of the following towns: Aquinnah, Chilmark,
West Tisbury, Tisbury, Oak Bluffs and Edgartown

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 130, section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, MGL, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that those areas on Martha's Vineyard (V1- V36) closed due to excessive rainfall on August 19, 2017, now meet the National Shellfish Sanitation Program guidelines for an "OPEN" status.

Therefore under authority of MGL, Chapter 130, Section 74A, 75 and 322 CMR 7.01 (7) the below-defined areas will revert to their former status prior to the closure of August 19, 2017 **effective at sunrise on Wednesday August 23, 2017.**

Those areas previously classified as "APPROVED" and in the "OPEN" status prior to the August 19, 2017 shellfish closure will revert to their previous status on August 23, 2017 and open to the harvest of shellfish for direct human consumption subject to local rules and regulations under authority of MGL Chapter 130, section 52.

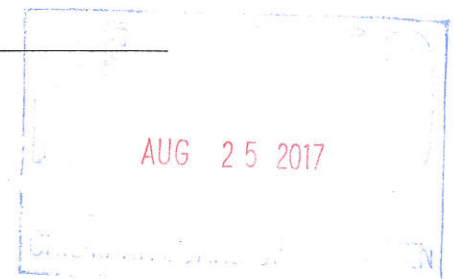
Similarly, those areas previously classified as "CONDITIONALLY APPROVED" and in the "OPEN" status prior to the August 19, 2017 shellfish closure will revert to their previous status on August 23, 2017 subject to the previous status conditions. Areas classified as "PROHIBITED" shall remain closed to the harvest of shellfish for direct human consumption.

STATUS: OPEN TO THE TAKING OF SHELLFISH

"The waters, flats and all tributaries of Martha's Vineyard within the following DSGA's: V1 - V36 in the Towns of Aquinnah, Chilmark, West Tisbury, Tisbury, Oak Bluffs, Edgartown."

Sincerely,

David E. Pierce,
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Honorable Select Boards of the following towns: Sandwich, Barnstable, Yarmouth, Chatham, Harwich, Brewster, Wellfleet, Dennis, Eastham, Orleans, Aquinnah, Chilmark, West Tisbury, Tisbury, Oak Bluffs, Edgartown

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 130, section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that shellfish areas in the Towns of Sandwich, Barnstable, Yarmouth, Chatham, Harwich, Brewster, Wellfleet, Dennis, Eastham, Orleans, Aquinnah, Chilmark, West Tisbury, Tisbury, Oak Bluffs, Edgartown (designated shellfish growing areas SC21 – SC64, CCB8 – CCB35 and OC1, OC7 and OC8 and V1 – V36) no longer meet the requirements for an open status due to unacceptable water quality resulting from an extremely heavy rain event on August 18 and 19, 2017.

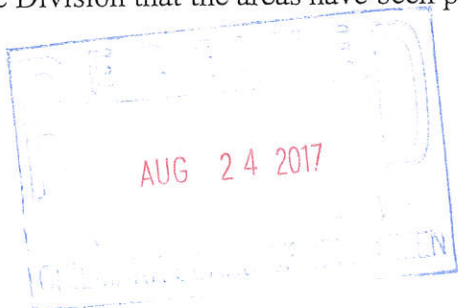
Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, sections 74A and 75, **effective at 1100AM on August 19, 2017**, the below-defined areas have been placed in a “**CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING**” status to the taking of all shellfish. Digging, harvesting or collecting and/or attempting to dig, harvest or collect shellfish and the possession of shellfish from the below-defined areas is prohibited.

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

STATUS: CLOSED TO THE TAKING OF ALL SHELLFISH AS DEFINED BELOW

“The waters, flats and all tributaries of Massachusetts within the following DSGA’s SC21 – SC64, CCB8 – CCB35 and OC1, OC7 and OC8 and V1 – V36 in the towns of Sandwich, Barnstable, Yarmouth, Chatham, Harwich, Brewster, Dennis, Wellfleet, Eastham, Orleans, Aquinnah, Chilmark, West Tisbury, Tisbury, Oak Bluffs, Edgartown .”

The above-described areas shall remain closed until notification has been received from the Division that the areas have been placed into an open status.



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