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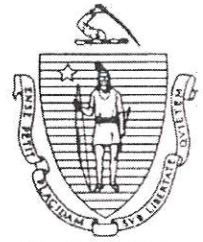
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 130, section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has re-examined the waters of Menemsha Basin [V:2.1] in the Town of Chilmark, classified as "CONDITIONALLY APPROVED" and in the "CLOSED" status based on seasonal water quality changes. As a result of this examination the Division has determined that this below defined area now meets the established criteria for the harvest of shellfish and has changed the status to "OPEN TO SHELLFISHING" as of sunrise on November 1, 2017.

The below defined area may be opened to the harvest of shellfish for direct human consumption subject to local rules and regulations under authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 130, Section 52.

CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED

SEASONAL STATUS CHANGE

Status: "Open to Shellfishing"

November 1 – April 30

[All Dates Inclusive]

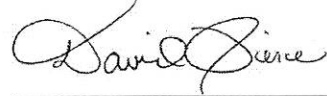
V:2.1

Menemsha Basin

"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."

The status of the above Conditionally Approved area, V:2.1, shall automatically revert to "CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING" on May 1, 2018 unless the Division changes the area status prior to said date.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David E. Pierce".

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