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## **Commonwealth of Massachusetts** Division of Marine Fisheries

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Charles D. Baker Governor Karyn E. Polito Lieutenant Governor Matthew A. Beaton Secretary Ronald Amidon Commissioner Mary-Lee King Deputy Commissioner

Selectboards of the following towns: Wellfleet, Truro, Provincetown, Eastham and Orleans

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 130, section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that the waters of Wellfleet, Truro, Provincetown, Eastham and a portion of Orleans (OC 2-10, CCB 1-14) no longer meet the requirements for an open status due to unacceptable water quality resulting from an extremely heavy rain event on August 4, 2018.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, section 74A, the below-defined areas have been placed in a "**CLOSED**" status to the taking of all Shellfish (except for the adductor muscle of sea scallops) effective at 10 a.m. on August 5, 2018. 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 thereunder 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 ABOVE

## OC 2-10, CCB 1-14 Wellfleeet, Truro, Provincetown, Eastham and Orleans

"The waters, flats and all tributaries of Wellfleet, Truro, Provincetown, Eastham and a portion of Orleans (OC:2-10 and CCB:1-14)."

The status of these areas will remain closed until such time as the Division has reexamined them and finds that they meet water quality standards. Sincerely,

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