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Director

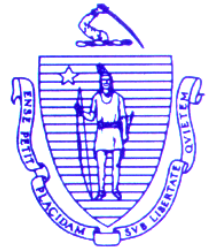
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Eastham, Orleans, Brewster, Harwich and Chatham

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 Eastham, Orleans, Brewster and a portion of Harwich and Chatham (OC 2- 6, CCB 9 (only Eastham waters), 17 and 20 and SC 53-64) no longer meet the requirements for an open status due to unacceptable water quality resulting from an extremely heavy rain event on August 9, 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 noon on August 9, 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 2-6, CCB 9, 17, 20 and SC 53-64
Eastham, Orleans, Brewster, Harwich and Chatham

“The waters, flats and all tributaries of Eastham, Orleans, Brewster, a portion of Harwich and Eastham (OC:2-6, CCB 9 (Eastham only), 17 and 20 and SC 53-64).”

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

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David E. Pierce". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "P".

David E. Pierce, Director

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