



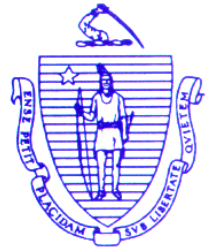
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August 10, 2018

Selectboards of the following towns:  
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), which were closed to shellfishing due to a heavy rainfall on August 9, 2018, will meet the National Shellfish Sanitation Program guidelines for an “OPEN” status as of sunrise on August 13, 2018.

Therefore under authority of MGL, Chapter 130, Section 74A and 322 CMR 7.01 (7) the below-defined areas will revert to their former status prior to the closure of August 9, 2018 **effective at sunrise on Monday August 13, 2018.**

Those areas previously classified as “APPROVED” and in the “OPEN” status prior to the August 9, 2018 shellfish closure will revert to their previous status on August 13, 2018 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 9, 2018 shellfish closure will revert to their previous status on August 13, 2018 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 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).”

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David E. Pierce". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the letter "e".

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David E. Pierce,  
Director

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