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Honorable Selectboards in the towns of Mashpee, Barnstable, Harwich, Chatham, Orleans, Eastham, and Provincetown.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In accordance with Chapter 130, section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that the shellfish areas listed below, in the towns of Mashpee, Barnstable, Harwich, Chatham, Orleans, Eastham and Provincetown, closed at 4:00pm on September 21, 2024, due to heavy rain, now meet the National Shellfish Sanitation Program guidelines for an "Open to Shellfishing" status.

Therefore, under authority of MGL, Chapter 130, Sections 74A and 322 CMR 7.01 (7) the below-defined areas will revert to their former status prior to the closure issued on September 21, 2024, or in the case of CONDITIONALLY APPROVED areas, acquire the status dictated by its Conditional Area Management Plan criteria, and local rules and regulations under authority of MGL Chapter 130, section 52, **effective at 12:00pm on Friday, September 27, 2024.**

Areas classified as "PROHIBITED" shall remain closed to the harvest of shellfish for direct human consumption.

Under authority of 322 CMR 7.01(7) all permits issued thereunder are hereby conditioned to permit the taking, selling or possession of shellfish from the areas listed below.

STATUS: OPEN TO THE TAKING OF SHELLFISH
Subject to conditional area management plan criteria where applicable

The waters, flats and all tributaries of CCB2, CCB4, CCB5, OC2-OC6, SC19-SC20, SC48-SC62, in the towns of Mashpee, Barnstable, Harwich, Chatham, Orleans, Eastham, and Provincetown.

**STATUS: CLOSED TO THE TAKING OF ALL SHELLFISH
(With the exception of Carnivorous Snails)**

The waters, flats and all tributaries of SC63-SC64, in the town of Orleans.

Individual shellfish growing area definition boundaries are mapped on the Division's website at [Shellfish classification areas | Mass.gov](#).

The preceding areas (SC63-SC64) shall remain in the closed status until examined by the Division and notification is made that the areas have been placed in the "Open" status.

Sincerely,



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