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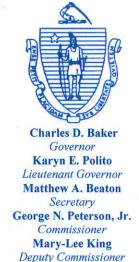
# Commonwealth of Massachusetts

# **Division of Marine Fisheries**

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Board of Selectmen Town of Wellfleet Town Hall Wellfleet, MA 02667



### Ladies & Gentlemen:

Upon further investigation, the Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) has determined that the below defined shellfish growing areas, CCB 11 through CCB 14 in the Town of Wellfleet, closed on October 13, 2016 as a result of a Norovirus illness outbreak, now meet the established criteria for direct harvest of shellfish for human consumption, except shellfish that were recalled, segregated and re-submerged at the original aquaculture sites of harvest under approval and supervision of DMF and the Department of Public Health (DPH).

Therefore, under authority of MGL Chapter 130, sections 74A and 75, the status of the below defined shellfish growing areas CCB 11, CCB 12, CCB 13 and CCB 14 has been changed to "OPEN TO SHELLFISHING", effective at sunrise on Monday, November 14, 2016, except for recalled, segregated and re- submerged shellfish as specified above which shall remain closed to shellfishing as described below.

All restrictions imposed on off-site culling by aquaculturists on October 25, 2016 will be rescinded effective at sunrise on Monday, November 14, 2016. At this time aquaculturists may resume off-site culling in accordance with their permit conditions.

Areas classified as Conditionally Approved will revert back to their original status on October 13, 2016 and will be subject to their individual classification conditions. Shellfish may be harvested for direct human consumption subject to local rules and regulations under authority of MGL Chapter 130, section 52.

Shellfish re-submerged on October 13 and 14, 2016 may be harvested after sunrise on November 27, 2016 and shellfish re-submerged on October 18, 2016 may be harvested after sunrise on December 1, 2016

### Status: Open to the Harvesting of Shellfish

The waters, flats and tributaries of CCB 11, Wellfleet Harbor; CCB 12, Herring River; CCB 13, Wellfleet Inner Harbor; and CCB 14, Loagy Bay in the Town of Wellfleet.

## Sincerely,

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