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### Marine Fisheries Advisory

## **Updates to Shellfish Growing Area Boundaries for Nantucket Coastal Region** **Affected Growing Areas Include: NT1, NT7-8, NT10, NT12-14**

The Division of Marine Fisheries classifies all shellfish growing areas for suitability of shellfish harvest and consumption and defines the boundaries of all classified areas. A recent evaluation of our shellfish classification areas has identified eight locations that require new boundary definitions and redesignations in Nantucket Coastal shellfish growing areas— (NT 1, NT7-8, NT 12-14). The changes are as follows:

1. Prior growing areas known as NT7 — Nantucket East Coastal, NT8 — Nantucket Southeast Coastal, and NT10 — Nantucket South West Coastal, will now be redefined and combined into one growing area, [NT7 — Nantucket East Coastal](#).
2. Prior growing areas known as NT1— Nantucket Northeast Coastal and NT12 — Nantucket Northwest Coastal, will now be redefined and combined into one growing area, NT1 — [Nantucket Northeast Coastal](#).
3. Prior growing areas known as NT13 — Tuckernuck Island and NT14 — Muskeget Island, will now be redefined and combined into one growing area, NT13—[Muskeget and Tuckernuck Islands](#).

These changes take effect immediately. Commercial shellfish fishers who fish in this area and seafood dealers who purchase from this area are reminded that they must use the updated alpha-numeric sequences for these shellfish growing areas when completing their shellfish tags, submitting their commercial fishing catch reports, or submitting seafood dealer reports from the effective date forward. Continue to use the old codes for any reports of trips conducted prior to the effective date. See the [Redefinition and Redesignation Notice](#) for more information including the new growing area boundaries.

For more information on shellfish growing area classification, please visit our website:  
[Shellfish classification areas | Mass.gov](#)

# Map of Updated Shellfish Growing Area Boundaries

