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Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has closed the shellfish areas listed below due to coastal flooding from astronomical high tide and high winds affecting the inshore areas of Provincetown and Truro, Massachusetts.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A, the status of the below-defined areas will be changed to “**CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING**” and closed to the taking of all shellfish except conch and scallop adductor muscle **effective at 12PM on Friday December 23rd**. 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 there under are hereby conditioned to prohibit the taking, selling or possession of shellfish as stated above from the areas listed below. After the storm, holders of aquaculture licenses under the authority of Chapter 130, Section 57, MGL, may conduct necessary maintenance/retrieval of their equipment after notifying, and with the consent of, the local shellfish constable. No shellfish may be harvested during the closure or removed from the site for culling.

STATUS: CLOSED TO THE TAKING OF ALL SHELLFISH
Except conch and scallop adductor muscle

CCB4.0

Provincetown Harbor

“The waters, flats, and all tributaries of Provincetown Harbor, north of a line drawn due east from the tip of Wood End to Cold Storage Beach, and east of the Pilgrims’ First Landing Breakwater, excluding the areas CCB4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.5, and 4.6.”

CCB5.0

The Breakwater

“The waters, flats and all tributaries of The Breakwater south of a line drawn from the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign on the stone breakwater at the boundary of the Cape Cod National Seashore to the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign on the opposite marsh.”

Those areas shall remain closed until notification has been received from the Division that the areas have been placed into the open status.

Sincerely,



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