



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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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 determined that portions of the below-defined shellfish growing areas in Vineyard Haven Harbor (V10) and Lagoon Pond (V11) in the Towns of Oak Bluffs and Tisbury shall be closed to the harvest of shellfish in response to a sewer failure which occurred on January 24, 2023. The status of the below-defined areas will be changed to **“CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING”** effective as of sunrise on Wednesday, January 25. The below-defined areas will remain **“CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING”** for 21 days or until further notification is made by the Division of Marine Fisheries.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A and 322 CMR section 7.01 (7), the status of the below-defined areas have been changed to **“CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING”**. Digging, harvesting or collecting and/or attempting to dig, harvest or collect shellfish and the possession of shellfish from the below-defined area is prohibited.

CLASSIFICATION: APPROVED

**Status: Closed to Shellfishing**

### V10.0

#### Vineyard Haven Harbor

“The waters, flats, and all tributaries of Vineyard Haven Harbor, in the Towns of Tisbury and Oak Bluffs, south of a line drawn from East Chop Lighthouse in the Town of Oak Bluffs to the West Chop Lighthouse in the Town of Tisbury, north of a line drawn along the Lagoon Pond Bridge separating Vineyard Haven Harbor from Lagoon Pond, east of a line drawn from the Old Seafood Basin Pier to the end of the Vineyard Haven Breakwater, excluding the Breakwater North Mooring Area (V10.2).”

CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED

**Status: Closed to Shellfishing**

**V10.2**

**Breakwater North Mooring Area**

“The waters and flats of that portion of Vineyard Haven Harbor, in the Town of Tisbury, north of a line drawn along the breakwater from the western corner at (41.464072 N, 70.598861 W) to the eastern end of the breakwater, west of a line continuing northeast to Red Channel Marker #6, continuing west of a line drawn north to (41.464072 N, 70.593953 W); south of a line continuing to (41.463739 N, 70.596878 W) and east of a line drawn due south to the western corner of the Breakwater (41.459481 N, 70.598861 W).”

CLASSIFICATION: APPROVED/CONDITIONALLY APPROVED

**Status: Closed to Shellfishing**

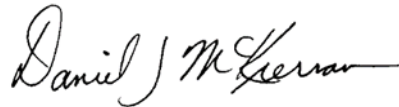
**V11.9**

**Northeast Lagoon**

“The waters and flats of that portion of Lagoon Pond in the Towns of Oak Bluffs and Tisbury, south of the Beach Road Bridge, east of a line drawn from the southeastern corner of V11.6 (Lagoon Landing Mooring Area) to the sign at the northern end of Hines Point, and north of a line drawn from the eastern end of Hines Point to a sign on the beach at the Worcester Ave point, including V11.4 (Northeast Corner Mooring Area) and V11.6 (Lagoon Landing Mooring Area).”

The previously defined areas V10.0 (Outer Vineyard Haven Harbor), V10.2 (Breakwater North Mooring Area), and V11.9 (Northeast Lagoon) shall remain in the closed status. The status will not automatically revert to open to shellfishing on February 15, 2023 but will remain closed until examined by the Division and notification is made that the area has been placed in the open status.

Sincerely,



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