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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 which were closed to the harvest of shellfish in response to a sewer line failure which occurred on January 24, 2023, will meet the National Shellfish Sanitation Program guidelines for an "OPEN" status as of sunrise on February 15, 2023.

As a result, the below-defined areas may be opened to the harvest of shellfish for direct human consumption subject to local rules and regulations under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A and 322 CMR 7.01 (7). The previously defined area V11.9 shall dissolve and revert to its former classifications, status, and designations prior to the closure on January 25, 2023, effective at sunrise on February 15, 2023.

CLASSIFICATION: APPROVED

Status: Open 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: Open to Shellfishing [October 1 – June 14]

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 (41.46407°, -70.59886°) 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 (41.46407°, -70.59395°); south of a line continuing to (41.463739°, -70.59687°) and east of a line drawn due south to the western corner of the Breakwater (41.45948°, -70.59886°).”

CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED

Status: Open To Shellfishing

V11.3

Northeast Corner Mooring Area

“The waters and flats of Lagoon Pond in the Town of Oak Bluffs, north of a line drawn from a town buoy off the shore at 0 Worcester Ave, extending northwest to a Town Buoy located at coordinates (41.45525°, -70.58485°); east of a line drawn northwest to a Town Buoy south of the hatchery outfall; west of a line drawn south to coordinates (41.45404°, -70.58105°), then south along the end of each of the three docks; continuing south to the buoy off 0 Worcester Ave.”

CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED

Status: Open to Shellfishing

V11.6

Lagoon Landing Mooring Area

“The waters and flats of Lagoon Pond in the Town of Tisbury, west of a line drawn southeast from the sign at the Beach Road Bridge to a town buoy at (41.45586°, -70.58800°); thence south to Channel Marker #4; north of a line drawn thence due west to Channel Marker #5, and east of a line drawn thence to the sign on the shore at the western end of the Lagoon Landing beach.”

CLASSIFICATION: APPROVED

Status: Open to Shellfishing

V11.0

Lagoon Pond

“The waters, flats, and all tributaries of Lagoon Pond in the Towns of Tisbury and Oak Bluffs, south of a line drawn across the channel at the Beach Street Bridge, east of the West Arm Prohibited Area (V11.3), west of the Brush Pond Prohibited Area (V11.1), and exclusive of Northeast Corner Mooring Area (V11.4), Medieros Cove Mooring Area (V11.5), and Lagoon Landing Mooring Area (V11.7).”

Sincerely,



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