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Marine Fisheries Advisory

Storm Causes Surf Clam Strandings on Local Beaches

The Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) has received numerous reports of shellfish (surf clams) washing ashore in large quantities along Revere Beach and Nantasket Beach due to the Nor'easter on Monday, February 1, 2021. DMF is issuing this advisory to remind the public that Revere Beach and Nantasket Beach remain **CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING** due to bacterial contamination. DMF urges the public not to consume these clams.

Shellfish in **CLOSED** or **PROHIBITED** areas are considered to be contaminated and not safe for human consumption. The harvest, collection or possession of shellfish from prohibited areas is unlawful per Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 130 section 74, 74A and 75.

Generally, the harvest of shellfish in the Commonwealth requires a state or local permit. Before collecting or harvesting shellfish from any area DMF recommends you check with the local Shellfish Department and our website for permit requirements as well as the current area classification and status.

For further information, please contact the Division's Shellfish Project in Gloucester at: 978-282-0308 or marine.fish@mass.gov.



Surf clams on Revere Beach. Photo Credit: Tracey Honan