



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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Ladies & Gentlemen:

Due to **Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP)** toxin (also known as “Red Tide”) in shellfish, the Division of Marine Fisheries is closing the entire below-defined Nauset Marsh System to the harvest of all shellfish.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A and 75, the status of the below-defined areas will be changed to "**CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING**", **effective at 12:00 noon on March 8, 2023**. Digging, harvesting or collecting and/or attempting to dig, harvest or collect shellfish and the possession of shellfish, including carnivorous snails, from the below- defined areas is prohibited.

Under authority of 322 CMR 7.01(7) all permits issued thereunder are hereby conditioned to prohibit the taking, selling or possession of shellfish from the below-defined areas. These areas will remain closed until further notice.

### **AREAS CLOSED TO THE HARVEST OF ALL SHELLFISH**

#### **NAUSET SYSTEM OC2-OC6**

#### **OC2 NAUSET HARBOR, EASTHAM/ORLEANS**

“The waters, flats and all tributaries of Nauset Harbor in the Towns of Eastham and Orleans, northerly of a line drawn across the mouth of Roberts Cove in the Town of Orleans; southerly of a line drawn across the Middle Channel at the Eastham/Orleans town line; southerly of a line drawn across the southern mouth of the Hemenway River in the Town of Eastham; and easterly of a line drawn across the mouth of Town Cove.”

**OC3 MILL POND, ORLEANS**

“The waters, flats and all tributaries of Mill Pond in the Town of Orleans, southerly of a line drawn across the mouth of Roberts Cove.”

**OC4 TOWN COVE, ORLEANS/EASTHAM**

“The waters, flats and all tributaries of Town Cove in the Towns of Eastham and Orleans, southwesterly of a line drawn from Snow Point in the Town of Orleans to the western side of the mouth to the Hemenway River at Fort Hill in the Town of Eastham.”

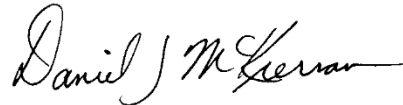
**OC5 NAUSET MARSH, EASTHAM**

“The waters, flats and all tributaries of Nauset Marsh in the Town of Eastham, northerly of a line drawn across the Middle Channel at the Eastham/Orleans Town Line; westerly of a line drawn across the mouth of Nauset Harbor; northerly of a line drawn across the mouth of the Hemenway River at Fort Hill in the Town of Eastham; and easterly of a line drawn across the entrance of Salt Pond in the Town of Eastham.”

**OC6 SALT POND, EASTHAM**

“The waters, flats and all tributaries of Salt Pond in the Town of Eastham, westerly of a line drawn across the mouth of Salt Pond River.”

Sincerely,



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