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July 15, 2026

The Honorable Selectboards of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts coastal municipalities of Tisbury and Oak Bluffs:

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In accordance with Chapter 130, section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that the shellfish areas listed below, in the Towns of Tisbury and Oak Bluffs, closed on July 8, 2026, due to heavy rain, now meet the National Shellfish Sanitation Program guidelines for an "Open to Shellfishing" status.

Therefore, the below-defined areas will revert to their former status prior to the closure issued on July 8, 2026, or in the case of "CONDITIONALLY APPROVED" areas, acquire the status dictated by its Conditional Area Management Plan criteria, and local rules and regulations under authority of MGL Chapter 130, section 52. This opening will be **effective at 7:00am on July 15, 2026.**

Areas classified as "PROHIBITED" shall remain closed to the harvest of shellfish for direct human consumption.

Under authority of 322 CMR 7.01(7) all permits issued thereunder are hereby conditioned to permit the taking, selling or possession of shellfish from the area listed below.

STATUS: OPEN TO THE TAKING OF SHELLFISH
Subject to conditional area management plan criteria where applicable

V10
Vineyard Haven Harbor

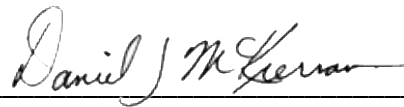
"The waters, flats, and all tributaries of Vineyard Haven Harbor in the Towns of Tisbury and Oak Bluffs, south of a line drawn from the East Chop Lighthouse in the Town of Oak Bluffs (41.47088°, -70.56711°) to the West Chop Lighthouse (41.48154°, -70.59975°) in the Town of Tisbury and north of a line drawn along the Lagoon Pond Bridge separating Vineyard Haven Harbor from Lagoon Pond."

V11
Lagoon Pond

“The waters, flats, and all tributaries of Lagoon Pond in the Towns of Tisbury and Oak Bluffs, south of the Beach Road Bridge.”

Individual shellfish growing area definition boundaries are mapped on the Division’s website at [Shellfish classification areas | Mass.gov](#).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Daniel J. McKiernan", written over a horizontal line.

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