



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## Division of Marine Fisheries

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July 20, 2023

Town Manager Mark S. Ells  
Town of Barnstable  
Town Hall  
367 Main Street  
Hyannis, MA 02601

Dear Mr. Ells,

In accordance with Chapter 130, section 74A of Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that a portion of the waters of Cotuit Bay (SC21.0) in the Town of Barnstable, no longer meets the established criteria for a status of "OPEN TO SHELLFISHING", due to spillage of sewage from a portable restroom at Loop Beach. The status of the below-defined area shall be changed to "**CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING**" as of **11:00AM on July 20, 2023**.

Under the authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 130, Sections 74A, the status of the below-defined area shall be 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 until further notice.

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 area.

CLASSIFICATION: APPROVED

STATUS CHANGE

**Status: Closed to Shellfishing**

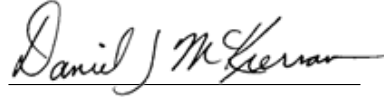
**SC21.7**

**Loop Beach**

"The waters, flats, and all tributaries of Cotuit Bay, in the Town of Barnstable, north of a line drawn from the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign at the southern end of Loop Beach (41.60513°, - 70.43718°), to the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign at the northern end of Loop Beach (41.60694°, - 70.43668°), and easterly within a semi-circle with radius of 350 ft around Loop Beach."

The preceding area (SC21.7) shall remain in the closed status for 21 days. The status will not automatically revert to open on August 10, 2023, but will remain closed until examined by the Division and notification is made that the areas have been placed in the open status.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Daniel J. McKiernan". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath.

Daniel J. McKiernan, Director  
MA Division of Marine Fisheries

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