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Town of Edgartown Selectboard  
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Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) has notified the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) of an outbreak of *Campylobacter sp.* illnesses linked to oysters harvested from the Katama Bay (V20) shellfish growing area in the town of Edgartown. Oysters linked to five confirmed illnesses were harvested between July 7<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 and consumed raw between July 12<sup>th</sup> and July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

Under the requirements of the National Shellfish Sanitation Program Model Ordinance, when shellfish are implicated in an illness outbreak and there is no evidence of illegal harvest from a closed area or post-harvest contamination the Shellfish Control Authority must immediately place the harvest area in the closed status. Therefore, the status of Katama Bay (V20) was changed to **"Closed to Shellfishing" for oysters only effective at 1:00 PM on August 1, 2025.**

Under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, section 74A, the status of the below-defined area has been changed to **"Closed to Shellfishing"** to the taking of oysters. Digging, harvesting or collecting and/or attempting to dig, harvest or collect oysters and the possession of oysters from the below-defined area 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 oysters from the below-defined area.

### V20

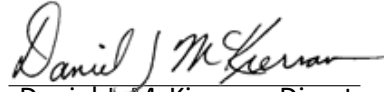
#### Katama Bay

"The waters and flats of Katama Bay south of a line drawn from the Billy Dinsmore property to the northern entrance of Caleb Pond, including Caleb Pond."

The preceding area will remain closed until examined by the Division and notification is made that the area has been placed in the open status.

DPH and DMF are continuing to investigate the shellfish growing area conditions of Katama Bay (V20) as well as the harvest and handling practices associated with the implicated oysters. Please contact Alex Boeri ([alex.boeri@mass.gov](mailto:alex.boeri@mass.gov)) for additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Daniel J. McKiernan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Daniel" and last name "McKiernan" clearly legible.

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