



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## Division of Marine Fisheries

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August 14, 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 re-examined a portion of the waters of Cotuit Bay (SC21.7), in the Town of Barnstable, classified as "APPROVED" and in the "CLOSED" status since July 20, 2023. The status change was due to spillage of sewage from a portable restroom at Loop Beach. The Division has determined that the area now meets the National Shellfish Sanitation Program guidelines for an **"OPEN TO SHELLFISHING"** status effective immediately.

As a result, the below defined areas may be opened to the harvest of shellfish for direct human consumption subject to local rules and regulations under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A and 322 CMR 7.01 (7). The below-defined area will revert to the former status prior to the closure of July 20, 2023, effective immediately.

### CLASSIFICATION: APPROVED

### STATUS CHANGE

**Status: Open 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."



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Daniel J. McKiernan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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Daniel J. McKiernan, Director  
MA Division of Marine Fisheries

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