



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 130, section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has re-assessed the emergency closures of Menemsha Pond (V2) in the Towns of Chilmark and Aquinnah, and Katama Bay (V20) in the town of Edgartown, closed on August 1, 2025, due to ***Campylobacter*** illnesses linked to oysters. The Division has determined that these areas now meet the National Shellfish Sanitation Program guidelines for an "Open to Shellfishing" status.

Therefore, under authority of MGL, Chapter 130, Sections 74A and 322 CMR 7.01 (7) Menemsha Pond (V2) and Katama Bay (V20) will revert to an **Open to Shellfishing** status, **effective at 7:00am on Friday August 8, 2025.**

Sincerely,

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