



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## Division of Marine Fisheries

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September 21, 2024

Honorable Coastal Selectboards in the towns of Brewster, Harwich, Chatham, Orleans, Eastham, Wellfleet, Truro and Provincetown.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In accordance with Chapter 130, section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that shellfish growing areas SC37-SC63, OC1-10, and CCB1-CCB20 in the towns of Brewster, Harwich, Chatham, Orleans, Eastham, Wellfleet, Truro and Provincetown no longer meet the requirements for an open status following heavy rainfall from the storm event on September 20-21, 2024.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, sections 74A, **effective at 1:00 PM on September 21, 2024**, the areas identified below have been placed in a **"CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING"** status to the taking of all shellfish except carnivorous snails. Digging, harvesting or collecting and/or attempting to dig, harvest or collect shellfish and the possession of shellfish from the below-listed areas 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 shellfish from the below-listed areas.

### **STATUS: CLOSED TO THE TAKING OF ALL SHELLFISH (With the exception of Carnivorous Snails)**

The waters, flats and all tributaries of SC37-SC63, OC1-10, and CCB1-CCB20 in the Towns of Brewster, Harwich, Chatham, Orleans, Eastham, Wellfleet, Truro and Provincetown.

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The preceding areas (SC37-SC63, OC1-OC10, and CCB1-CCB20) shall remain in the closed status until examined by the Division and notification is made that the areas have been placed in the "Open" status.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Daniel J. McKiernan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

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