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*Marine Fisheries Advisory*

**All Shellfish Growing Areas to Close Statewide as a Precaution due to Forecast Weather**

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The Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) has issued a [precautionary closure](#) of all shellfish growing areas in the state due to predicted high winds, coastal flooding, and heavy rainfall from the forecast nor'easter this weekend. The precautionary closure will go into effect **30 mins before sunrise on Saturday, September 26, 2026.**

During the closure, harvesting or attempting to harvest shellfish, and possession of shellfish harvested during the closure from Massachusetts waters is prohibited. Aquaculture permit holders are prohibited from harvesting shellfish or removing shellfish from growing suites for culling during the closure.

The closure includes the following growing areas: N1-N28, GBH1-GBH6, MB1-MB14, CCB1-CCB48, OC1-OC10, SC1-SC64, NS1, NT1-NT13, V1-V36, E1-E12, MHB1- MHB5 and BB1-BB58. These areas will remain closed until DMF places the areas into Open to Shellfishing status. This closure does not include conch and sea scallop adductor muscle.

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