



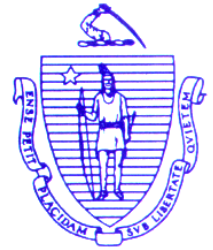
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 130, section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that a portion of Nantucket waters (designated NT 7-NT 11, NT 13 and NT 14) closed on January 4, 2018 due to a coastal storm, will meet the National Shellfish Sanitation Program guidelines for an "OPEN" status.

Therefore under authority of MGL, Chapter 130, Sections 74A and 322 CMR 7.01 (7) the below-defined areas will revert to their former status prior to the closure of January 4, 2018 **effective at sunrise on Monday January 8, 2018.**

Those areas previously classified as "APPROVED" and in the "OPEN" status prior to the January 4, 2018 shellfish closure will revert to their previous status on January 8, 2018 and open to the harvest of shellfish for direct human consumption subject to local rules and regulations under authority of MGL Chapter 130, section 52.

Similarly, those areas previously classified as "CONDITIONALLY APPROVED" and in the "OPEN" status prior to the January 4, 2018 shellfish closure will revert to their previous status on January 8, 2018 subject to the previous status conditions. Areas classified as "PROHIBITED" and "RESTRICTED" shall remain closed to the harvest of shellfish for direct human consumption.

### **STATUS: OPEN TO THE TAKING OF SHELLFISH**

"The waters, flats and all tributaries of those portions of Nantucket designated as NT 7 – NT 11, NT 13 and NT 14."

Under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Sections 74A, the status of the below-defined areas shall remain "CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING" and closed to the taking of all shellfish until further notice.

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 NT 1 – NT 6 and NT 12.

### **STATUS: CLOSED TO THE TAKING OF SHELLFISH**

"The waters, flats and all tributaries of those portions of Nantucket designated as NT 1 – NT 6 and NT 12."

Any bay or sea scallops harvested from NT 1 – NT 6 and NT 12 shall be harvested **for the consumption of the adductor muscle only.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David E. Pierce". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "D".

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