



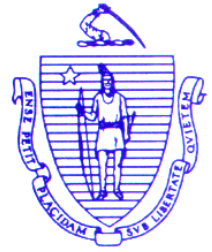
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Ladies & Gentlemen:

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 130, Section 74A, the Division of Marine Fisheries has examined the waters of Tisbury Great Pond (V31), in the Towns of Chilmark and West Tisbury. The Division has determined that a section of Tisbury Great Pond in growing area V:31.0 no longer meets the NSSP requirements for an APPROVED classification on a year-round basis. Due to seasonally impaired water quality during the months of July and August, the classification of this area will be changed to **CONDITIONALLY APPROVED**. The status of this reclassified portion of V:31.0, described as "South of Big Sandy" and given the shellfish growing area designation V:31.5, will be changed to "**CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING**" as of sunrise on July 31, 2018.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, section 74A, the status of the below-defined **CONDITIONALLY APPROVED** area has been changed to "**CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING**" to the taking of all shellfish. Digging, harvesting or collecting and/or attempting to dig, harvest or collect shellfish and the possession of shellfish from the below defined area 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-defined area.

OVER

RECLASSIFICATION/REDEFINITION
CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED
SEASONAL STATUS CHANGE
Status: Closed to Shellfishing
July 1 – August 31
[All Dates Inclusive]

V:31.5
South of Big Sandy

"The waters and flats of that portion of Tisbury Great Pond in the Towns of Chilmark and West Tisbury; south of a line drawn from Big Sandy to the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign at the southern end of the eastern entrance to Short Cove, and north of a line drawn from the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign 370 yards south of Big Sandy to the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign at the southern end of the eastern entrance to Short Cove." (12 acres)

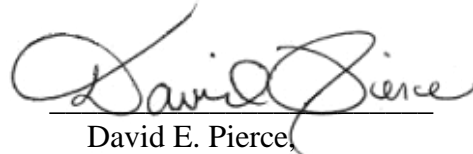
REDEFINITION
CLASSIFICATION: APPROVED
Status: Open to Shellfishing

V:31.0
Tisbury Great Pond (Redefined)

" The waters, flats and all tributaries of Tisbury Great Pond in the Towns of Chilmark and West Tisbury, north of a line drawn across the entrance to Tisbury Great Pond (when present) on South Beach, except for those portions of V31 designated as V31.3, V31.4 and V31.5." (601 acres)

The preceding CONDITIONALLY APPROVED area shall remain in the closed status during the inclusive dates. The status will not automatically revert to open to shellfishing on September 1, 2018, but will remain closed until examined by the Division and notification is made that the area has been placed in the open status.

Sincerely,


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