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Honorable Select Boards of the following towns: Aquinnah, Chilmark, West Tisbury, Tisbury, Oak Bluffs, Edgartown and Nantucket

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that those areas listed below on Martha's Vineyard (V1- V36) and Nantucket (NT 1-14), closed due to excessive rainfall from the remnants of Hurricane "Michael" on October 11, 2018, will meet the National Shellfish Sanitation Program guidelines for an "OPEN" status as of Sunrise on October 15, 2018.

Therefore under authority of MGL, Chapter 130, Section 74A, the below listed areas will revert to their former status prior to the closure of October 11, 2018 **effective at sunrise on Monday October 15, 2018**.

Those areas previously classified as "APPROVED" and in the "OPEN" status prior to the October 11, 2018 shellfish closure will revert to their previous status at sunrise on October 15, 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 October 11, 2018 shellfish closure will revert to their previous status on October 15, 2018 subject to the previous status conditions. Areas classified as "PROHIBITED" shall remain closed to the harvest of shellfish for direct human consumption.

STATUS: OPEN TO THE TAKING OF SHELLFISH
Effective at sunrise on October 15, 2018

"The waters, flats and all tributaries of the following Designated Shellfish Growing Areas:

Nantucket NT1-NT14,
Martha's Vineyard V1-V36.

Sincerely,

David E. Pierce,
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