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Ladies & Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that the below-defined "CONDITIONALLY APPROVED" shellfish growing area in Vineyard Haven Harbor (V10.1), in the Town of Tisbury, no longer meets the established criteria for the harvest of shellfish due to seasonal water quality changes and the NSSP Mooring Area criteria. The status of this area will be changed to "CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING" as of sunrise on May 1, 2022.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A, the status of the below-defined 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.

CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED
SEASONAL STATUS CHANGE
Status: Closed to Shellfishing
May 1 - October 31
(All Dates Inclusive)

V10.1
Vineyard Haven Inner Harbor

"The waters, flats and all tributaries of that portion of Vineyard Haven Harbor, in the Town of Tisbury, westerly of a line from the old Seafood Basin Pier to the end of the Vineyard Haven Harbor breakwater."

The Vineyard Haven Harbor CONDITIONALLY APPROVED area (V10.1) shall remain in the closed status during the inclusive dates. The status will not automatically revert to open to shellfishing on November 1, 2022 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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