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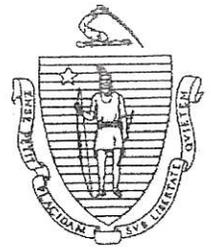
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March 25, 2015

Tim Carroll
Executive Secretary
Town Hall
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Dear Mr. Carroll,

As a result of your March 24, 2015 petition, the Division has conferred with the town shellfish constable Isaiah Scheffer related to the bay scallop fishery in Menemsha and Nashaquitsa Ponds, in the Town of Chilmark, and agrees that there is an abundance of adult scallops that will not be harvested prior to the termination of the normal scallop season on March 31, 2015. Furthermore, it is believed that most of these adult scallops will not live long enough to spawn again this coming summer. Therefore, under authority of Chapter 130, section 73, MGL, the bay scallop season, in the Town of Chilmark, is extended through April 17, 2015. Permission is hereby granted to the Board of Selectmen to issue permits to take scallops during the extended season.

No "seed" scallops as defined in Chapter 130, section 70 MGL, may be taken under any circumstances without permission of the Director of Marine Fisheries. Scallops landed during this extended season may be inspected by Shellfish Program personnel to determine condition and legal size.

Sincerely,

Paul Diodati, Director

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