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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 Menemsha Pond (V:2.1) no longer meets the established criteria for the harvest of shellfish due to unacceptable water quality.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, sections 74A and 75, 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

Status: Closed to Shellfishing

May 1 - October 31

[All Dates Inclusive]

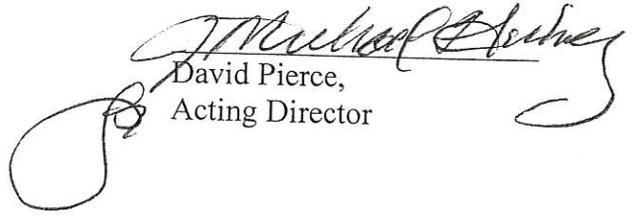
Menemsha Basin V:2.1

"The waters and flats of Menemsha Basin and Dutcher Dock Creek, in the Town of Chilmark, east of a line drawn from the Fl.G.4 Sec. 25' light at the entrance to Menemsha Canal in a southeasterly direction to the past location of the Menemsha Basin Coast Guard Boat House prior to the fire, excluding V:2.3."

The preceding conditionally approved area, V:2.1, shall remain in the closed status during the above inclusive dates. The status will not automatically revert to open to shellfishing on November 1, 2015 but will remain closed until examined by the Division and notification is made that the area has been placed in the open status.

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Sincerely,


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