



# *Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

## **Division of Marine Fisheries**

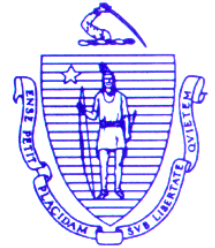
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

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 portions of Tisbury Great Pond in growing areas V:31.0 and V31.5 no longer meet the NSSP bacterial requirements for their current classifications. Therefore, the classifications of V:31.5 and the portions of V:31.0 identified below will be changed to "**PROHIBITED**" with a status of closed to the taking of all shellfish as of sunrise on November 14, 2019.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A, the classification of the below-defined areas has been changed to "**PROHIBITED**" with a status of "**CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING**". Digging, harvesting or collecting and/or attempting to dig, harvest or collect shellfish and the possession of shellfish from the below-defined areas are 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 areas.

### **RECLASSIFICATION/REDEFINITION**

#### **CLASSIFICATION: PROHIBITED**

**Status: Closed to the Taking of All Shellfishing**

**This area redefinition combines V:31.5 and the area around Plum Bush Point in V:31.0 with the former V:31.3 to create a redefined V:31.3.**

#### **V:31.3**

#### **Town Cove**

"The waters and flats of that portion of Tisbury Great Pond in the Towns of Chilmark and West Tisbury; north of a line drawn in a northeasterly direction from the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign 370 yards south of Big Sandy to the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign at Plum Bush Point."

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**RECLASSIFICATION/REDEFINITION**  
**CLASSIFICATION: PROHIBITED**  
**Status: Closed to the Taking of All Shellfishing**

**V:31.4**  
**Crab Creek**

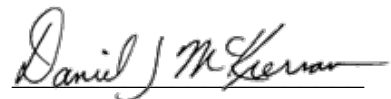
"The waters and flats and all tributaries of that portion of Tisbury Great Pond in the Town of Chilmark; west of a line drawn in a southeasterly direction from the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign located at 41.348948, -70.659128 to the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign at 41.348948, -70.659128."

**REDEFINITION**  
**CLASSIFICATION: APPROVED**  
**Status: Open to Shellfishing**

**V:31.0**  
**Tisbury Great Pond**

"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, south of a line drawn in a northeasterly direction from the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign 370 yards south of Big Sandy to the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign at Plum Bush Point, and east of a line drawn in a southeasterly direction from the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign located at 41.348948, -70.659128 to the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign at 41.348948, -70.659128."

Sincerely,



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