

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 Nashaquitsa Pond (V3.1), in the Town of Chilmark, no longer meets the established criteria for the harvest of shellfish due to seasonal water quality changes. The status of this area will be changed to "CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING" as of sunrise on August 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.

STATUS CHANGE <u>CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED</u> SEASONAL STATUS CHANGE Status: Closed to Shellfishing August 1st - October 31st [Dates Inclusive]

V3.1

Stonewall Pond

"The waters, flats, and all tributaries of Nashaquitsa Pond and Stonewall Pond, in the Town of Chilmark, southeasterly of a line drawn from the southern end of the 'Quitsa Landing boat ramp, northwesterly to the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign on the opposite shore."

The preceding **CONDITIONALLY APPROVED** Stonewall Pond (V3.1) 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,

Daniel Mk Gerran

Daniel J. McKiernan, Director Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries

cc: P. Moran, C. Baker, OLE
J. Kennedy, DMF
R. Amidon, DFG
J. Hobill, DEP
FDA, DPH
I. Scheffer, Chilmark Shellfish Constable