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In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 130, Section 74A, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that the below-defined "CONDITIONALLY APPROVED" shellfish growing area in Menemsha Pond, Menemsha Basin (V:2.1), in the Town of Chilmark, no longer meets the established criteria for its current classification. Closures of waters within marinas and impacted areas adjacent to marinas are mandatory under provisions of the National Shellfish Sanitation Program while marinas are in operation. Due to year-round operation of the Menemsha Basin marina, the classification of this area will be changed to "**PROHIBITED**" as of sunrise on December 14, 2019.

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

RECLASSIFICATION CLASSIFICATION: PROHIBITED Status: Closed to Shellfishing

V:2.1 Menemsha Basin

"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 Menemsha Drive on Dock."

Sincerely,

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