



# *Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

## **Division of Marine Fisheries**

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November 13, 2019

Board of Selectmen  
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has re-examined the shellfish growing area West Island South (BB:17.0), and a portion of the shellfish growing area, Earl's Marina (BB:18.1) in the Town of Fairhaven, both classified as "CONDITIONALLY APPROVED" and in the "CLOSED" status based on seasonal water quality changes. As a result of this examination, the Division has determined that the below defined areas now meet the established criteria for the harvest of shellfish and has changed their status to "OPEN TO SHELLFISHING" as of Sunrise on November 14, 2019.

The below-defined areas may be opened to the harvest of shellfish for direct human consumption subject to local rules and regulations under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 52.

### CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED

#### **SEASONAL STATUS CHANGE**

**Status: Open To Shellfishing**

**November 14 - April 30**

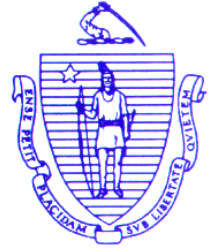
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**BB:17.0**

**West Island South**

“The waters, flats and all tributaries of that portion of Buzzards Bay in the Town of Fairhaven, north of a line drawn from Wilbur Point to Rocky Point and south of a line drawn from the “NO SHELLFISHING” sign at the southernmost tip of Long Island to the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign on the beach at the west end of Gull Road.”

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The status of the above Conditionally Approved area BB:17.0, shall automatically revert to "CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING" on May 1, 2020 unless the Division of Marine Fisheries changes the status prior to said date.

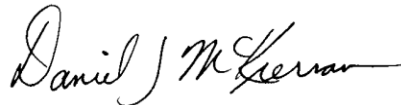
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**SEASONAL STATUS CHANGE**  
**Status: Open to Shellfishing**  
**November 14 - May 31**  
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**BB:18.1**  
**Earl's Marina**

"The waters and flats of that portion of the shellfish growing area, West Island North in the Town of Fairhaven, southwesterly of a line drawn easterly from the northern tip of Long Island on the West Island Causeway to the "NO SHELLFISHING" sign on the beach at the western end of Blue Point Road and northerly of a line drawn across the opening to the causeway."

The status of the above Conditionally Approved area BB:18.1, shall automatically revert to "CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING" on June 1, 2020 unless the Division of Marine Fisheries changes the status prior to said date.

Sincerely,



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