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## Re: B-120 Contaminated Quahog Transplant

Ladies & Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that a portion of the shellfish growing area Nasketucket Bay, North Cove [BB:21.21] in the Town of Fairhaven, no longer meets the established criteria for a status of "OPEN TO SHELLFISHING" due to the transplant of contaminated quahogs from the Taunton River (Permit # 161418). The status of the area will be "CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING" as of sunrise on June 25, 2019.

Therefore, the Division of Marine Fisheries has changed the status of the below defined area to "CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING" to prohibit the taking of shellfish until subsequent determination by this office reveals that the shellfish are safe for human consumption.

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A, 75, and 322 CMR 7.01 (7), digging, harvesting or collecting and/or attempting to dig, harvest, collect or the possession of shellfish from the below defined area is prohibited.

CLASSIFICATION: APPROVED  
**SHELLFISH TRANSPLANT CLOSURE**  
**Status: Closed To Shellfishing**

**BB:21.21**  
**North Cove**

"The waters and flats of that portion of North Cove south of a line drawn from Cedar Point to North Point in the western portion of the cove."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David E. Pierce", enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

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