

TOWN OF FALMOUTH SHELLFISH AREAS EFFECTIVE NOVEMBER 1, 2023

All of the areas below are open to **FALMOUTH FAMILY and COMMERCIAL PERMIT HOLDERS** Monday through Sunday
EXCEPTION AS NOTED. THERE IS NO COMMERCIAL SHELLFISHING ON SUNDAYS.

WAQUOIT BAY, SC-15: Open with restrictions: The use of Jerk rakes, bull rakes and “T” handle rakes is prohibited on the flat outside of the Moonakis River, within 200 feet of the mouth. Falmouth permits may be used on the Mashpee side of the bay. *See below for additional restrictions.*

CLOSED AREAS IN WAQUOIT BAY: The north end mooring field, north of a line drawn from 20 Nichols Road to 234 Metoxit Point Road, is closed to shellfishing

MOONAKIS RIVER, SC-15: South of a line from the southern boundary of #224 Metoxit Road to the southern boundary of #149 Meadow Neck Road as marked by “closed to shellfishing signs”. Same rake restriction as Waquoit Bay.

EEL RIVER EAST, SC-14: South of a line running East to West from Seaspray Drive to the furthest southwest corner of the peninsula off Seapit Road. All areas on along the eastern side of the river along Washburn Island are open. *See below for additional restrictions.*

CLOSED AREAS IN EEL RIVER EAST: All areas on the west side of the river, along Seacoast Shores Blvd and Edgewater Dr East, are closed.

EEL RIVER WEST, SC-14: South of a line East to West from #80 Eel River Road #391 Edgewater Drive West (off of Ormand Drive).

BOURNE’S POND, SC-13: South of a line from #88 Sailfish Drive to #81 Paola Drive to a line from pole #290/7 Moonpenny Lane to #103 Bourne’s Pond Road (north of Family Area).

FAMILY/RECREATIONAL AREA: South of a line from the southeast corner of 41 Moonpenny Lane (Pole 290 over 7 – Moonpenny Homeowner’s Parcel 45-17-029-015) to the northwest corner of the property at 103 Bourne’s Pond Road. NO COMMERCIAL SHELLFISHING IS ALLOWED. **FAMILY/RECREATIONAL AREA OPEN ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY ONLY.**

GREAT HARBOR WOODS HOLE, SC-2: Outside (south) of a line drawn Penzance Point to the stone pier off 29 Juniper Point Road (Assessor’s Property ID 51A 01 040 000B). *See below for additional restrictions.*

CLOSED AREAS IN GREAT HARBOR WOODS HOLE: Inside (north) of a line drawn Penzance Point to the stone pier off 29 Juniper Point Road (Assessor’s Property ID 51A 01 040 000B).

QUISSETT HARBOR (BB-58): Both the inner and outer harbors open on **NOVEMBER 1, 2023.**

WEST FALMOUTH HARBOR (BB-54): Opens on **NOVEMBER 1, 2023** except where noted below:

FAMILY/RECREATIONAL AREA: The waters of West Falmouth Harbor northwest of a line that runs 2000 feet will be open to shellfishing from a fixed sign located on the shore at the property line between 162 and 156 Associates Road (Assessor’s Map 24 04 004 001 and 24 04 003 002 respectively) to a fixed sign located on the shore at the property line between 148 and Associates Road (Assessor’s Map 24 04 002 006A) and Assessor’s Map 24 05 010 022E. Open to recreational permit holders on **Saturdays and Sundays only** starting **NOVEMBER 4, 2023.**

CLOSED AREAS IN WEST FALMOUTH HARBOR: The stream above the Chapaquoit Bridge and Oyster Pond are closed. Snug Harbor is closed.

MEGANSETT HARBOR (BB-50): Inner Harbor (Squeteague Harbor) is open. Rand’s Canal and Fiddler’s Cove opens on **NOVEMBER 1, 2023.**

FAMILY/RECREATIONAL AREA: Located in front of the public beach from the northern harbor jetty to the town property line out to 100’ offshore. **FAMILY/RECREATIONAL AREA OPEN SATURDAY AND SUNDAY ONLY.**

All coastal areas outside of the rivers, bays and harbors that meet the water quality standards to be open to shellfishing.

ALL AREAS NOT LISTED AS OPEN HEREIN ARE CLOSED.

Chuck Martinsen, Deputy Director of Marine & Environmental Services/Shellfish Constable
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Please check back for updates on the South Coast areas (Hamblin Pond, Waquoit Bay, Eel River, Bournes Pond, Great Harbor Woods Hole, Green Pond, Great Pond, Little Harbor Woods Hole).