

Shellfish Division  
2017-2018 Annual Shellfish  
Resource Management Regulations

September 26, 2017

**TOWN OF FALMOUTH  
OYSTER REGULATIONS  
2017-2018 SEASON**

**Family/Recreational:** Between **October 1, 2017 and March 31, 2018**, both dates inclusive, not more than (10) quarts of oysters per week may be taken from areas open to the taking of shellfish. Seed oysters (less than 3" in length) must be culled from the shells of adult oysters at the harvest site. Oyster shells must be returned to the harvest site after shucking. *Recreational harvesters are not required to have completed Vibrio training to harvest from areas between October 1, 2017 and October 16, 2017.*

**Commercial:** Between **October 17, 2017 and March 31, 2018**, both dates inclusive, commercial harvest of oysters shall be limited to no more that (2) level town-approved containers per day. Commercial fishing is allowed on **Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays only**. Culling of seed oysters from the shells of adult oysters must take place at the harvest site.

**Certified Vibrio Trained Commercial:** Between **October 3, 2017 and October 16, 2017**, both dates inclusive, commercial harvest of oysters by those individuals who are certified as Vibrio trained by Falmouth Marine & Environmental Services shall be limited to no more that (2) level town-approved containers per day. Commercial fishing is allowed on **Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays only**. Culling of seed oysters from the shells of adult oysters must take place at the harvest site. No other individuals other than those whose names appear on this list are permitted to harvest and sell oysters during the Vibrio control period.

Christopher Barney  
Glenn Chamberlain  
John Folan  
Richard Harding  
David Heffernan  
Carter Hunt  
Jesse Landers  
Joshua Marques  
Michael Rocheleau  
Robert Sargent  
Tyler Staples  
David Brown  
Damian Cardeira  
Nicholas Cenzalli

Chad Enos  
Donald Francis  
Paul Hendricks  
John Lopes  
Mark Rose  
Robert Sargent Jr.  
William Striffler  
Robert Medeiros Jr.  
Robert Medeiros Sr.  
Sara Medeiros  
Brian Oliver  
John Perry  
Timothy Souza

\*Updates will be made to this list as commercial harvesters complete training.

**TOWN OF FALMOUTH  
PHASED OYSTER OPENING - FALL 2017**

**Family/Recreational:** Between **October 1, 2017 and March 31, 2018**, both dates inclusive, not more than (10) quarts of oysters per week may be taken from areas open to the taking of shellfish. Recreational fishing is allowed seven days a week.

**Commercial:** Between **October 3, 2017 and October 16, 2017**, both dates inclusive, commercial harvest of oysters is restricted to those individuals who are certified as Vibrio trained by Falmouth Marine & Environmental Services. Between **October 17, 2017 and March 31, 2018**, both dates inclusive, harvest of oysters shall be open to all commercial shellfish permit holders. Commercial fishing is allowed on **Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays only** and shall be limited to no more than (2) level town-approved containers per day.

**Bournes Pond**

The following areas are open to Vibrio-certified commercial harvesters and recreational harvesters starting at sunrise on **Wednesday, September 27, 2017** for recreational and **Thursday, September 28, 2017** for commercial:

Bournes Pond Area I: The area of Bournes Pond off of 58 Crowell Road

Bournes Pond Area II: The area of Bournes Pond off of Pacheco Path

Family/Recreational Area: The area off of Moonpenny Lane marked by buoys is open to recreational harvesting commencing on **Sunday, October 1, 2017**. *Limited resource area.*

**Megansett Harbor**

The inside of Megansett jetties and harbor opens **Sunday, October 1, 2017** to recreational harvesters and opens **Tuesday, October 3, 2017** at sunrise to Vibrio-certified commercial harvesters. *This area has a limited amount of oysters.*

**Green Pond**

The following areas are open to all recreational and commercial harvesting on **Saturday, December 16, 2017** at sunrise:

Green Pond Area I: The South-west corner

Green Pond Area II: North of the bridge (Menauhant Road)

Green Pond Area III: Off Partridge Lane. *Limited resource area.*

**West Falmouth Harbor**

West Falmouth Area I: The West Falmouth Center Flat opens **Sunday, October 1, 2017** to recreational harvesters and opens **Tuesday, October 3, 2017** at sunrise to Vibrio-certified commercial harvesters. The area is open to all commercial harvesters at sunrise on **Tuesday, October 17, 2017**. *This area will be closed to all shellfishing on November 1, 2017 for seeding of the 2018 season.*

West Falmouth Area II: The Chapoquoit Island Flat opens for recreational and commercial harvesting on **Tuesday, October 17, 2017** at sunrise.

*\*The Chapoquoit Island side Family Area is closed to the taking of shellfish for the Fall 2017 shellfish seeding period.*

**Little Harbor Woods Hole**

Flat opens **Sunday, October 1, 2017** to recreational harvesters and opens **Tuesday, October 3, 2017** at sunrise to Vibrio-certified commercial harvesters. *This area has limited access and a limited amount of oysters which can be harvested via snorkeling.*

## 2017-2018 FAMILY PERMIT SCALLOP REGULATIONS

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 130, Section 52, the following regulations for the taking of scallops by Falmouth Permit Holders effective **OCTOBER 1, 2017 through MARCH 31, 2018** are hereby adopted:

1. Scallop season will open for all FAMILY shellfish permit holders on **October 1, 2017** throughout the town including areas "Closed to Shellfishing" for quahogs, clams, oysters and mussels.
2. Skin diving using mask, snorkel and fins may be used in any area.
3. Scuba diving with air tanks is allowed in Megansett Harbor, with the exception of the "Family Shellfishing Area, Buzzards Bay, Great Harbor Woods Hole and Vineyard Sound from shore only.
4. Skin and Scuba divers shall display a diver's flag.
5. Scallop boats shall not position themselves between the shoreline and any diver's flag. While towing scallop dredges, all boats shall remain outside a 100-foot radius of any dive flag.
6. Dredging is prohibited in West Falmouth harbor and all family shellfish areas.
7. Beginning on **November 1, 2017 until November 30, 2017**, dredging will be permitted in marked navigational channels except on the Atlantic Oyster grant in Seapit River and West Falmouth Harbor. Great Harbor and Little Harbor Woods hole will open for dredging on November 1, 2017.
8. FAMILY CATCH LIMIT: (1) bushel per week of bay scallops.
9. Dredges are limited to 3-foot width and two dredges per boat. Dredges must have two-inch or larger rings in the construction of the bag. Boats shall be limited to two permit holders per boat.
10. All bay scallops taken from Falmouth waters shall be landed in Falmouth. Scallops may not be shucked prior to landing.
11. The use of dredges shall be prohibited in any Family Shellfish Area.

## 2017-2018 COMMERCIAL SCALLOP REGULATIONS

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 130, Section 52, the following regulations for the taking of scallops by Falmouth Permit Holders effective **OCTOBER 2, 2017 through MARCH 31, 2018** are hereby adopted:

1. No Commercial Scallop Fishing on Sundays.
2. Skin diving using mask, snorkel and fins may be used in any area.
3. Scuba diving with air tanks is allowed in Buzzard Bay, Megansett Harbor, Vineyard Sound and Great Harbor Woods Hole from shore only.
4. Skin and Scuba divers shall display diver's flag and commercial divers shall display their permit numbers in 3" numbers on their dive flag.
5. Scallop boats shall not position themselves between the shore and diver's flags. While towing scallop dredges, all boats shall remain outside a 100-foot radius of any dive flag.
6. Commercial season opens on **October 2, 2017** in Buzzards Bay, Vineyard Sound and Great Harbor Woods Hole. All other areas to include Waquoit Bay and West Falmouth Harbor shall open on Monday, **October 9, 2017** to commercial scalloping. Commercial permit holders may take (1) bushel per week in coastal ponds from **October 2, 2017 until October 9, 2017**.  
NOTE: Family shellfish areas are not open too commercial shellfishing of any species.
7. Beginning on **November 1, 2017 until November 30, 2017** dredging will be permitted in marked navigational channels, except in the Seapit River on the Atlantic Oyster Shellfish grant and in West Falmouth Harbor. Dredging of scallops in Great Harbor and Little Harbor Woods Hole shall be permitted from **November 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018**.
8. COMMERCIAL CATCH LIMIT: **October 2 through October 31<sup>st</sup>**, on (1) bushel per week. Beginning on **November 1<sup>st</sup>**, five (5) bushels per open days in coastal ponds. Beginning **October 2<sup>nd</sup>**, the limit is ten (10) bushels per open day in the waters of Vineyard Sound, Megansett harbor and Buzzards Bay.
9. Dredges are limited to 3-foot width and two dredges per boat except in the waters of Vineyard Sound, Megansett Harbor and Buzzards Bay where 1 dredge not exceeding 5 feet in width is permitted in place of the 2 three foot dredges. Dredges must have two inch or larger rings in the construction of the bag. Boast shall be limited to two permit holders per boat.
10. All bay scallops take in Falmouth waters shall be landed in Falmouth. Scallops may not be shucked prior to landing.
11. Scallop shells may not be discarded in the water at any town landing.

**TOWN OF FALMOUTH  
SHELLFISH REGULATIONS**

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 130, Section 52 the following changes to the Shellfish Regulations are hereby adopted:

**Closing of Area for Shellfish Resource Management**

**GREAT POND SC-11**

The waters of Great Pond to include all connected inlets and wetland are closed until **December 6, 2017** (Wednesday), except:

the Family Shellfish area between Priscilla St and Bourne St. will open on Saturday, **November 4, 2017** and shall remain open on Saturdays and Sundays until **May 27, 2018** (Sunday). This regulation shall not apply to the taking of scallops in Great Pond.

**WAQUOIT BAY SC-15**

The Falmouth Waters of Waquoit Bay shall be closed to the taking of soft shell calms and quahogs from **November 15, 2017** until **May 1, 2018**.

**SOUTHERN BOURNES POND SC-13**

The waters of Southern Bourne's Pond (Family Area) shall be closed to the taking of soft shell clams and quahogs from **November 12, 2017** until **May 1, 2018**.

**GREEN POND SC-12**

The waters of Green Pond, to include all connected inlets and wetlands, are closed until **December 16, 2017**.

**TOWN OF FALMOUTH  
SHELLFISH REGULATIONS**

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 130, Section 52 the following changes to the Shellfish Regulations are hereby adopted:

**SHELLFISH GEAR RESTRICTIONS**

The use of jerk rakes, bull rakes and “T” handled like rakes is prohibited in all Oyster Relay Areas.

- SC 12.4 Green Pond:** Relay Areas I, II & III
- BB 4.0 West Falmouth:** Relay Areas I & II
- SC 13 Bournes Pond:** Relay Areas I & II

**TOWN OF FALMOUTH  
SHELLFISH REGULATIONS**

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 130, Section 52 the following changes to the Shellfish Regulations are hereby adopted:

**BOURNES POND SC-13**

A portion of the waters of Bournes Pond described as follows:

Bourne's Pond Recreational and Commercial Propagation Area II - Oyster flat south of Pacheco Path with boundary line coordinates of:

1. 41 33'54"/70 33'11"
2. 41 33'53"/70 33.5"
3. 41 33'48"/70 33'12"
4. 41 33'48/70 33'6"

As well as a second smaller trial area to the east of Moonpenny Lane, will be open on a trial basis for summer oyster harvesting in 2018.

In August 2018 and September 2018, there will be an anticipated summer recreational and commercial oyster season in Bournes Pond, dates TBA.

Any commercial permit holder wishing to harvest and sell shellfish during this time period will be required to attend a vibrio training meeting to be held by the Dept. of Marine and Environmental Services & Division of Marine Fisheries on dates to be determined in 2018.

## **TOWN OF FALMOUTH SHELLFISH REGULATIONS**

Pursuant to MGL Chapter 130, Section 52 the following changes to the Shellfish Regulations are hereby adopted:

A portion of the waters of Green Pond, West Falmouth Harbor, Great Pond, and Bournes Pond shall be closed for all shellfishing for Contaminated and Non-Contaminated Oyster Relays.

The closed areas are as follows:

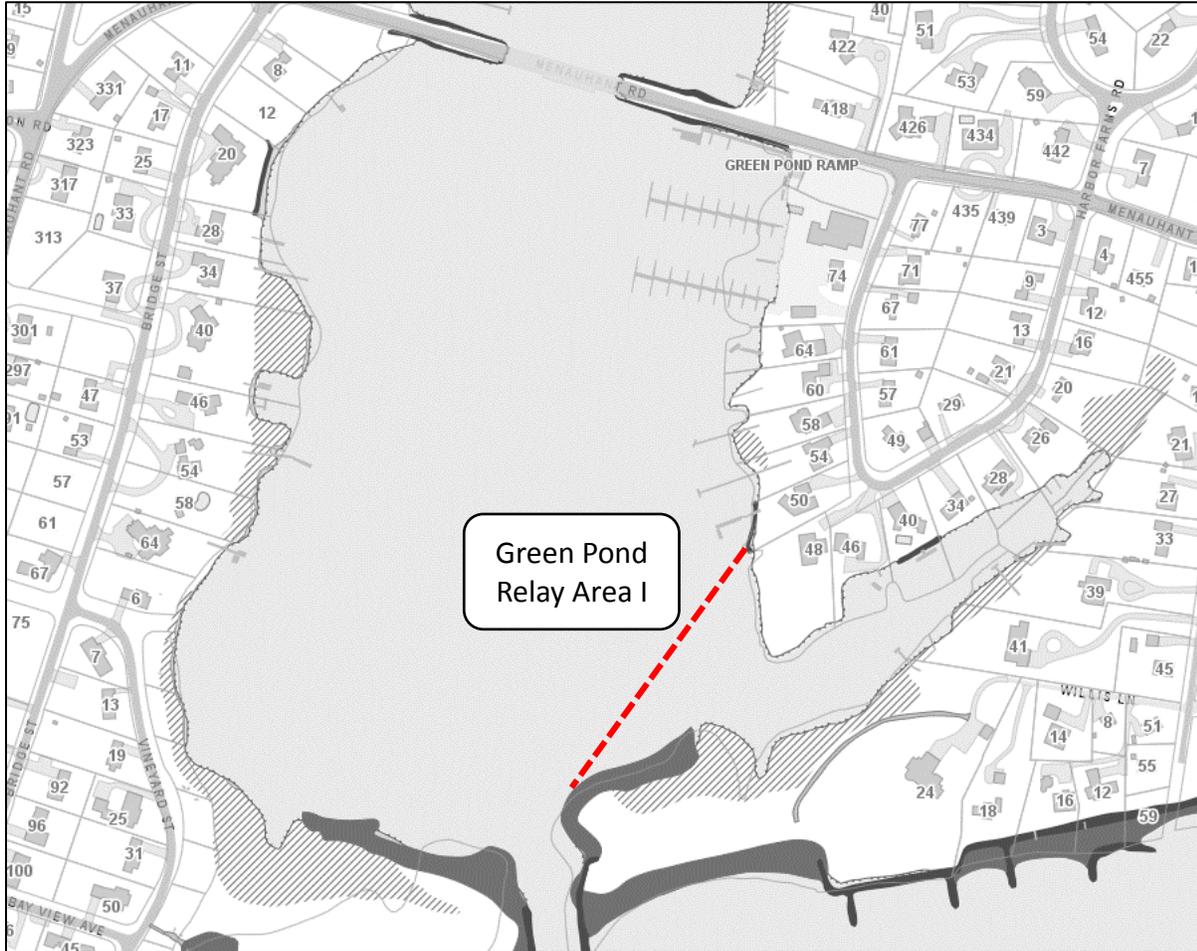
- Green Pond Recreational and Commercial Relay Area I (south-east corner)
- West Falmouth Harbor Recreational Area I (Family Area which runs from a sign on the path over to the dock on Associate's Road) and Recreational/Commercial Relay Area I (center flat off Old Dock Rd)
- Great Pond Recreational and Commercial Relay Area I (trial oyster area, east of Great Bay Street between Massasoit Street and Pocasset Street)
- Bournes Pond Recreational and Commercial Propagation Area I (to the south-west of Pacheco Path) and Area II (area designated by buoys off Moonpenny Lane)

*An anticipated summer recreational and commercial oyster season in August and September 2018, dates TBA will take place in these areas.*

Area maps and descriptions attached.

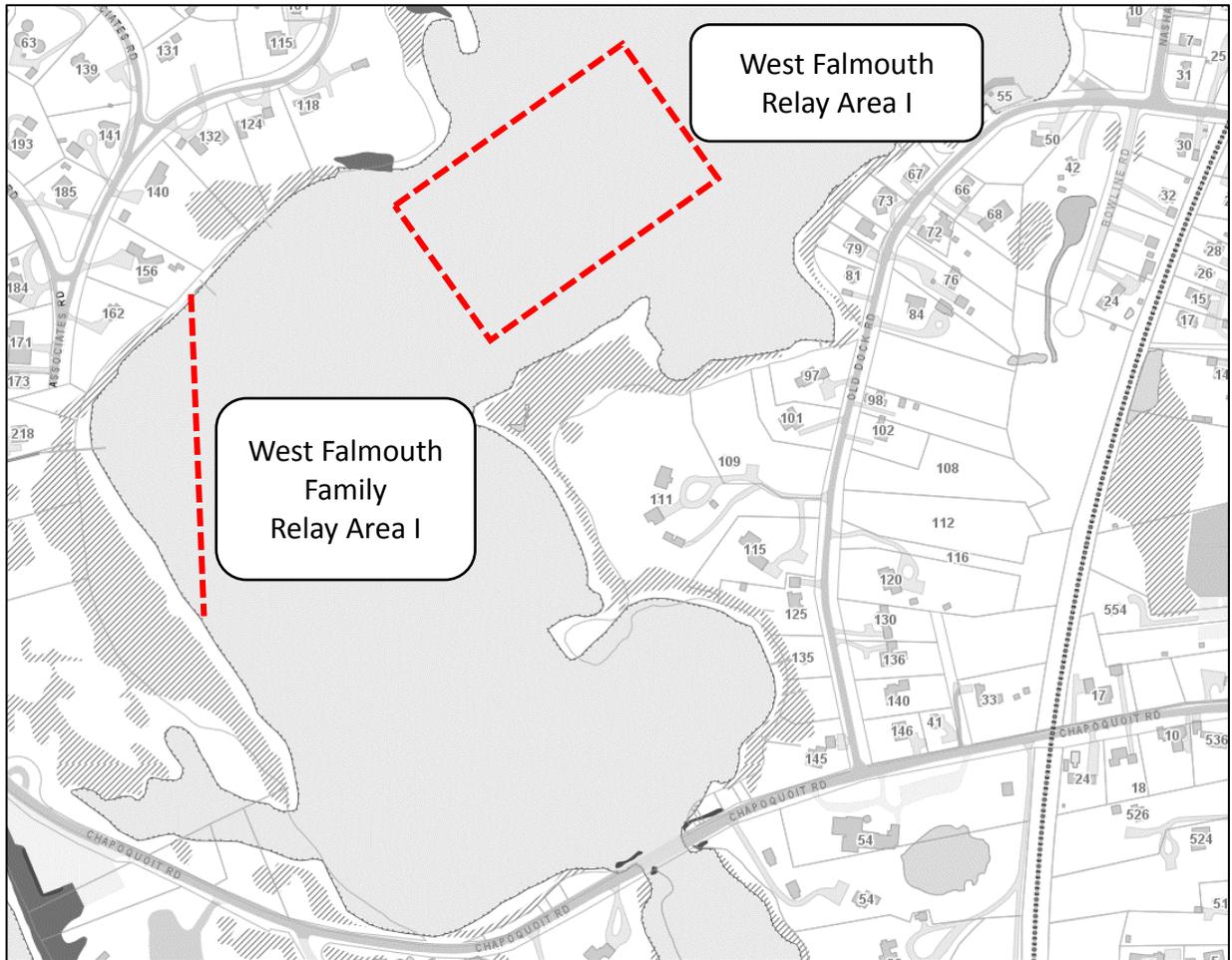
2017-2018 SHELLFISH CLOSURE AREA MAPS

GREEN POND



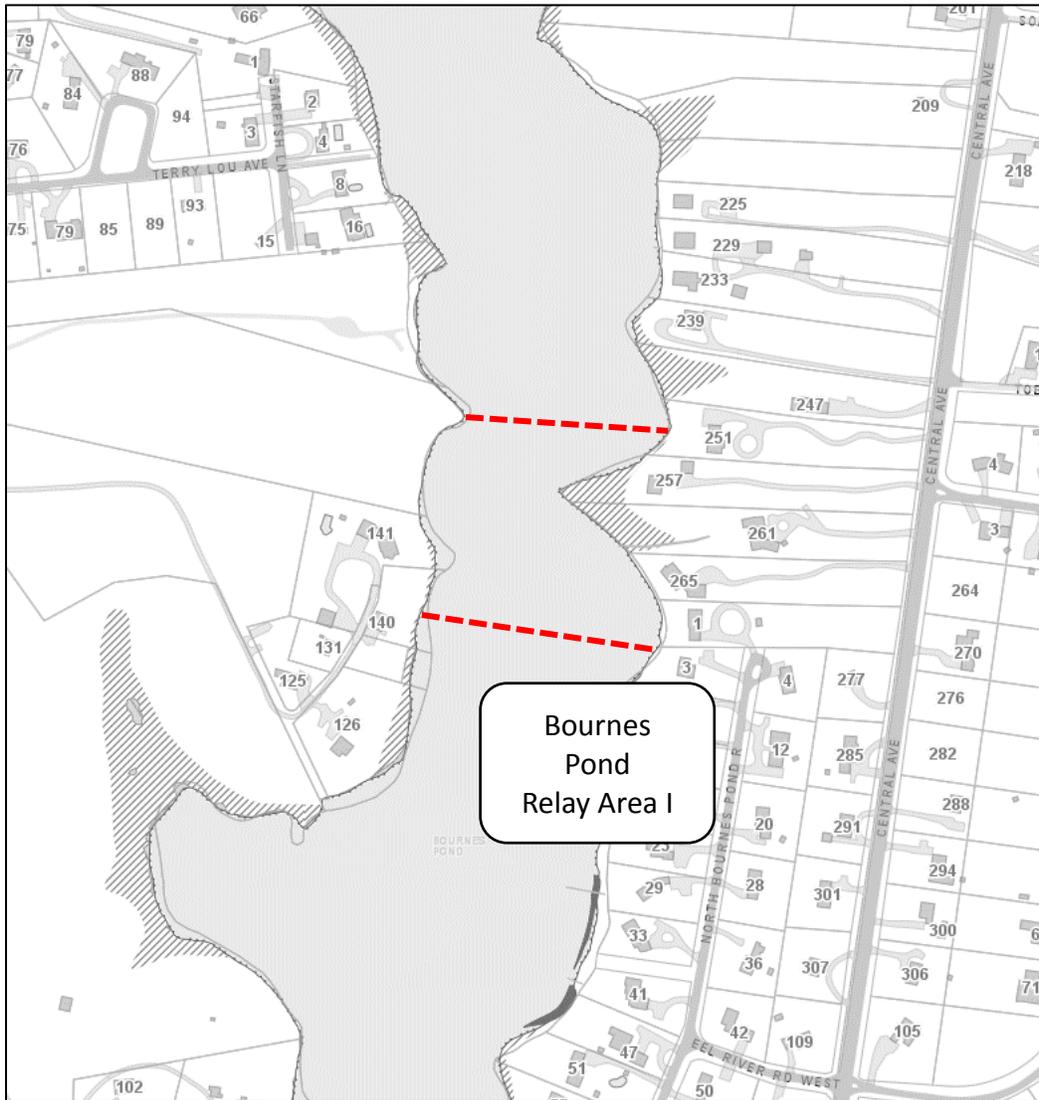
Map 1. Green Pond Relay Area I (the south-east corner of Green Pond).

## WEST FALMOUTH HARBOR



Map 2. West Falmouth Harbor Recreational Area I (Family Area which runs from a sign on the path over to the dock on Associate's Road) and Recreational/Commercial Relay Area I (center flat off Old Dock Rd).

## BOURNES POND



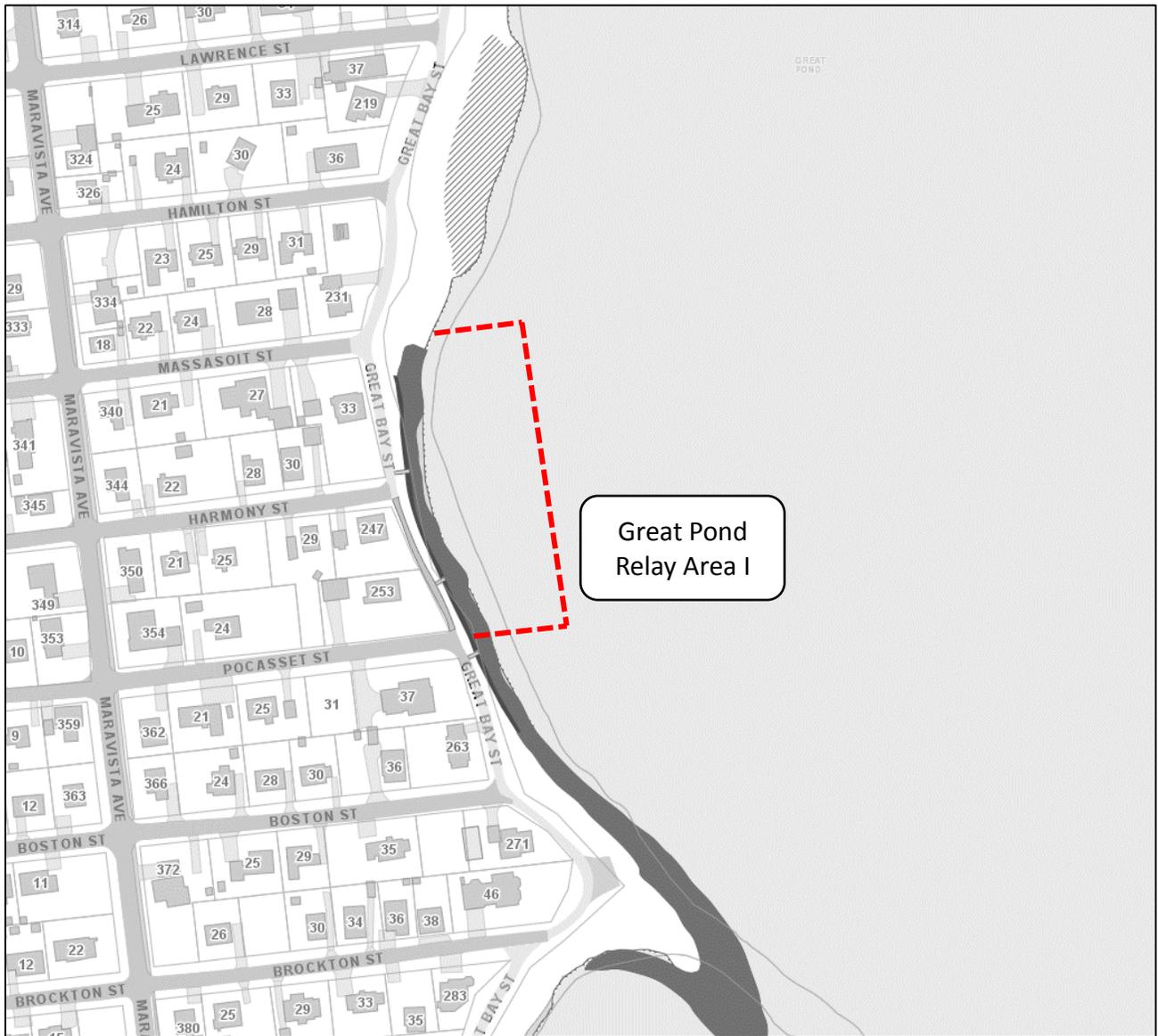
Map 3. Bourne's Pond Recreational and Commercial Propagation Area I (to the south-west of Pacheco Path).

**BOURNES POND (CONTINUED)**



Map 4. Bourne's Pond Recreational and Commercial Propagation Area (to the east of the north section of Moonpenny Lane).

## GREAT POND



Map 5. Great Pond Relay Area I (east of Great Bay Street, between Massasoit Street and Pocasset Street) is a trial oyster area.