

2021 Designated Shellfish Growing Area Changes

Below is a summary of the changes to open shellfishing areas with respect to mooring fields effective **May 1, 2021**, per the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries. Some areas previously classified as "Approved" following the MA DMF Designated Shellfish Growing Areas (DSGAs) are being reclassified as "Conditionally Approved" to comply with the National Shellfish Sanitation Program. These areas will be closed to shellfishing from May 1st to November 15th annually. Details of the change of each affected harbor as well as maps that reflect the new closures effective May 1, 2021 are as follows:

Waquoit Bay, SC-15

The north end mooring field, north of a line drawn from 20 Nichols Road to 234 Metoxit Point Road, is now classified as Conditionally Approved, with the exception of a subsection that remains classified as Approved specifically for municipal propagation, which spans from the end of the Waquoit Bay Yacht Club to a sign 50 ft from the end of the Waquoit Bay National Research Reserve.

Eel River East, SC-14

All areas on the west side of the river, along Seacoast Shores Blvd and Edgewater Dr East, are now classified as Conditionally Approved. All areas on along the eastern side of the river along Washburn Island remain Approved.

Quisset Harbor, BB-58

Both inner and outer harbors are now both classified as Conditionally Approved. Previously only Quisset Inner Harbor was classified as Conditionally Approved.

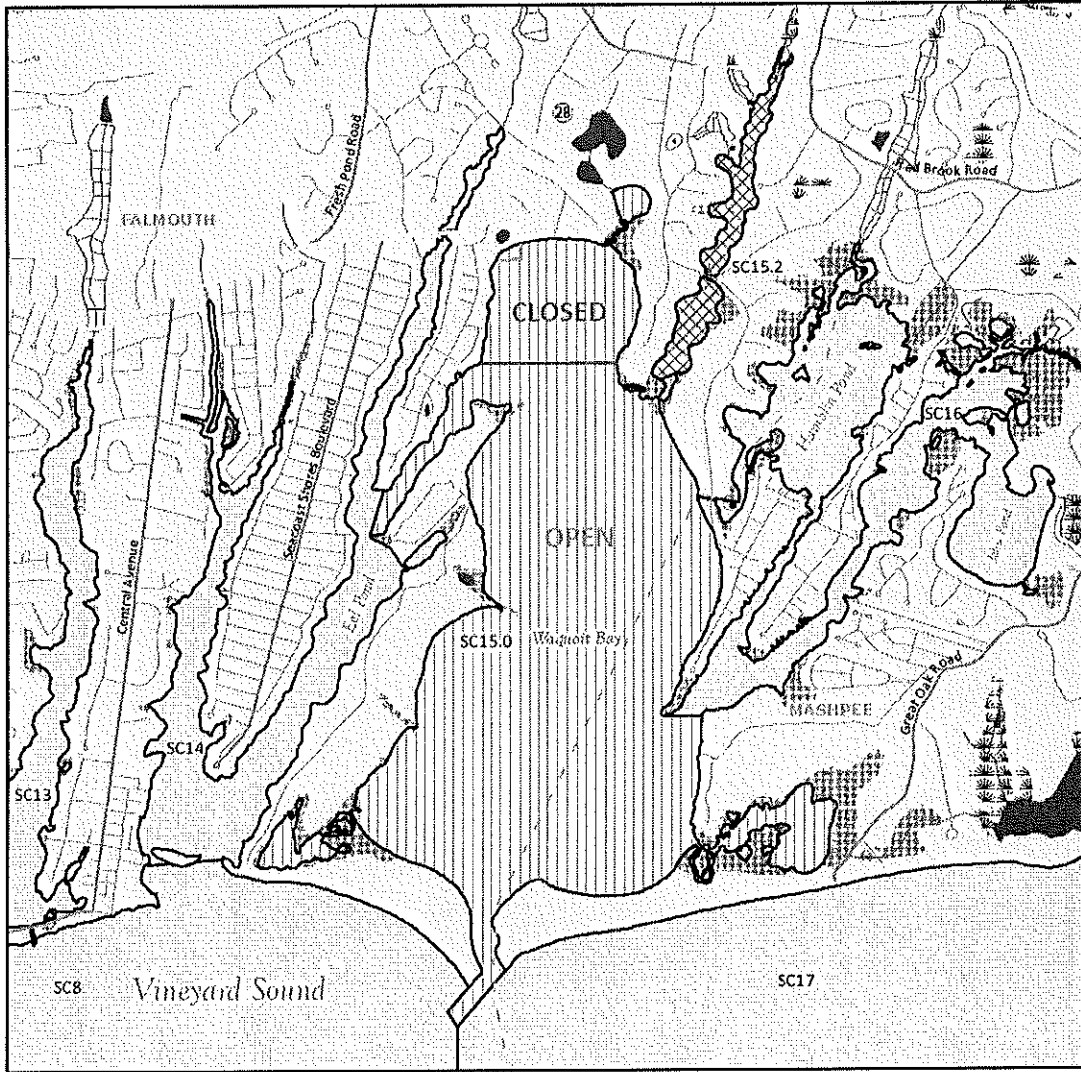


Figure 1. Waquoit Bay

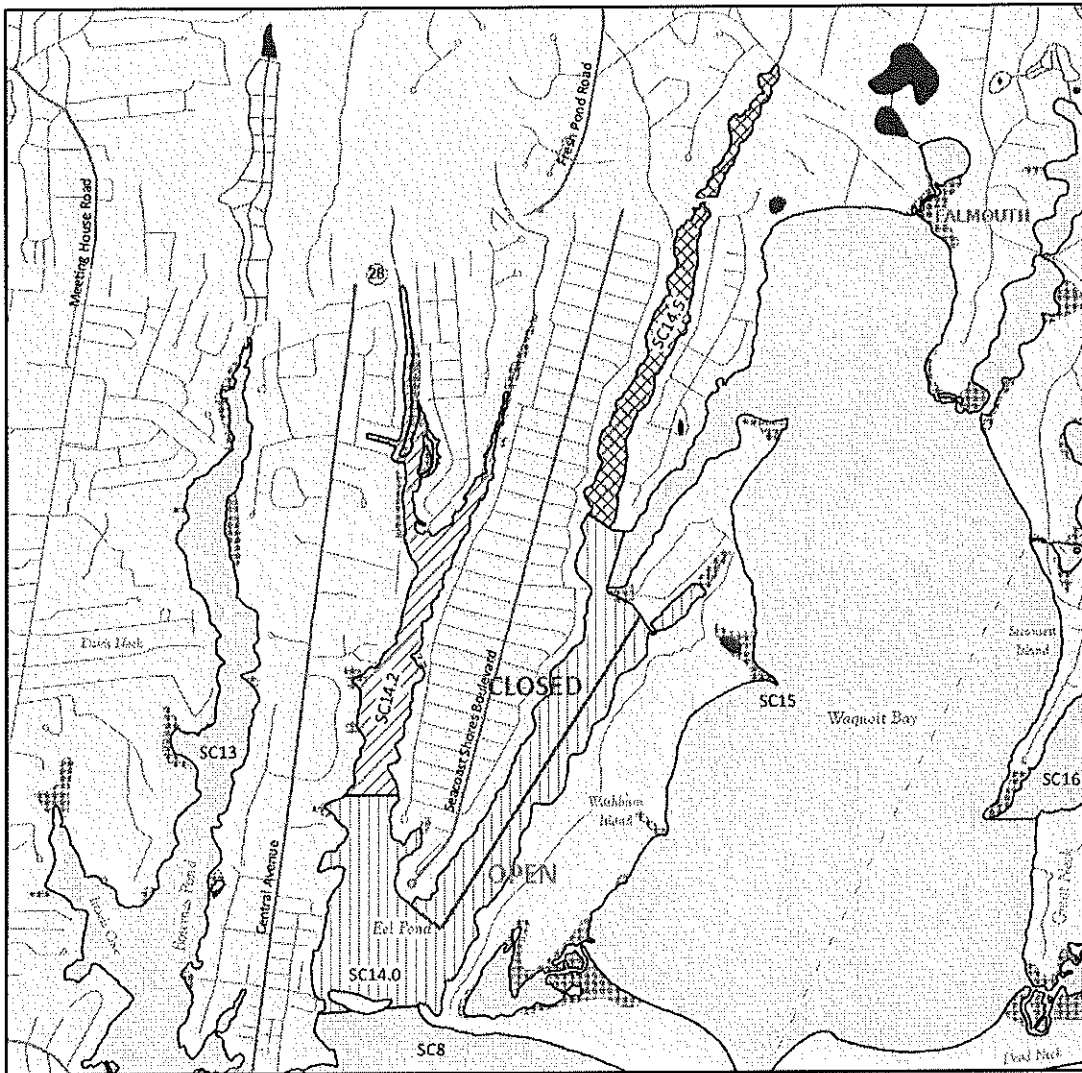


Figure 2. Eel River East

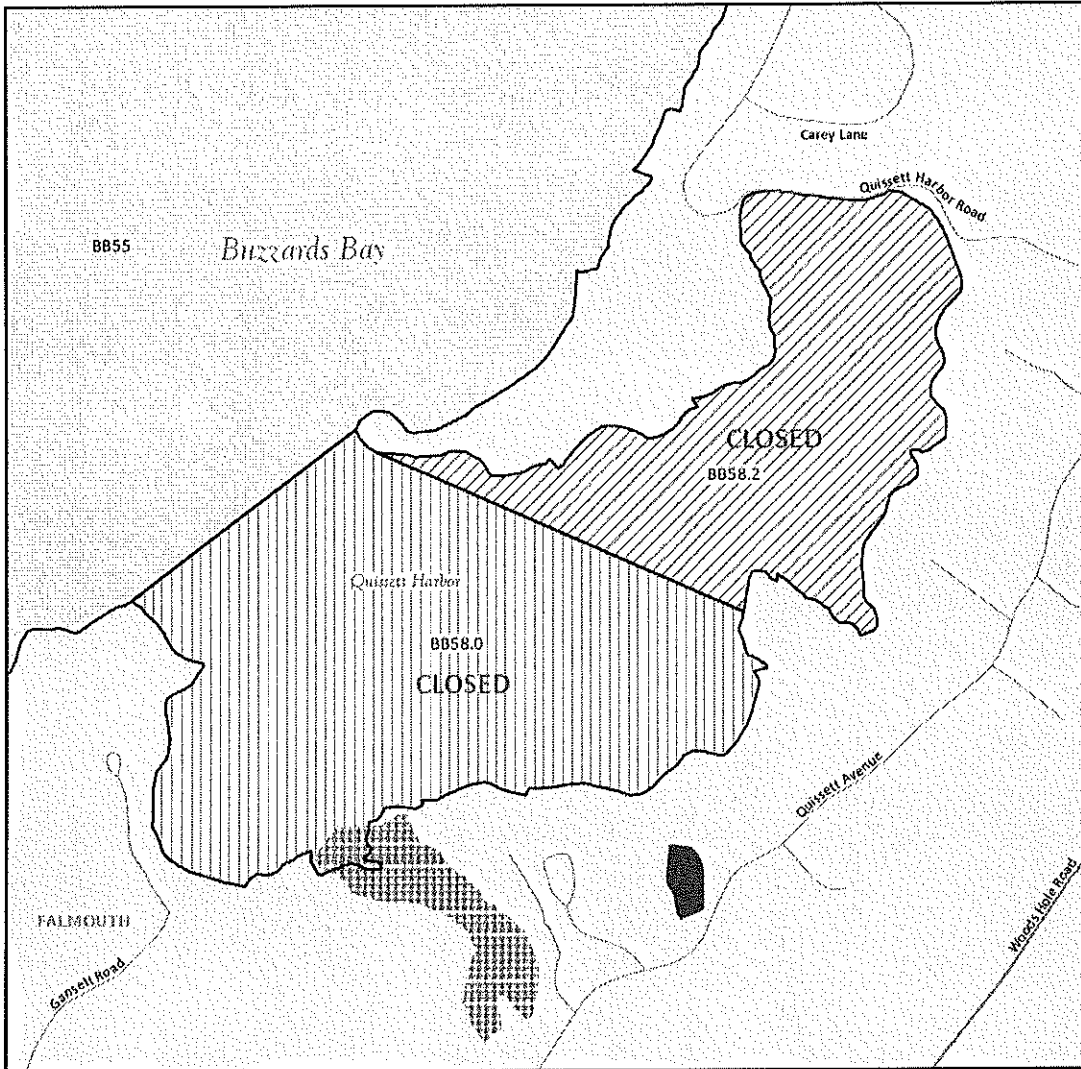


Figure 4. Quisset Harbor