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OYSTER SEASON CLOSURE

SHELLFISH MANAGEMENT NOTICE

Effective Monday, **January 4, 2010**

The harvest of oysters in the Town of Barnstable is prohibited.

Oysters are required to be at least 3 inches in longest length to be legally harvested by State law. Recent recreational harvesting has removed many legal size oysters from the existing local town propagated oyster populations, leaving a large percentage of “seed” oysters. This prohibition is based on oyster seed management criteria to protect the oyster seed for long term survival and to prevent the potential unlawful harvest of seed oysters.