



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations



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Office of Water Resources
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Notice of Polluted Shellfishing Grounds May 2008

In accordance with the provisions of title 20, chapter 8.1 of the general laws of 1956, entitled "shellfish grounds", notice is hereby given that the water areas in Rhode Island overlying shellfish grounds herein described have been found to be in an unsatisfactory sanitary condition for the taking of shellfish for human consumption and are declared to be polluted areas. Persons taking shellfish from said waters will be prosecuted in accordance with the provisions of the aforementioned chapter.

Shellfishing Prohibited

The attached maps include a line that delineates the boundary (high tide mark) of the waters whose sanitary condition has been found to be suitable for the taking of shellfish ("approved"). Taking of shellfish is prohibited from any waters located on the landward side of the boundary (high tide mark) of waters listed as approved and the landward side of the boundary of waters listed as prohibited, conditional closure or seasonal closure, regardless of whether the specific waters are shown or noted as prohibited on the attached maps. At locations where the boundary line crosses over water, the boundary shall be a straight line connecting the high tide mark on either side of the water along the main shoreline.

Shellfishing Prohibited

Growing Area 1 – Upper Narragansett Bay

* **GA1-3** Old Mill Creek in its entirety.

GA1-4 . All waters of the Upper Narragansett Bay north of a line from Conimicut Point to the Conimicut Light, then to Old Tower at Nayatt Point meaning to include any extension of the Providence River.

(see also: the conditional closures under Upper Narragansett Bay)

Growing Area 2 – Barrington, Palmer and Warren Rivers

GA2-1 All waters north and east of a line from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker at Adams Point to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker at Jacobs Point, including all waters of the Barrington River and Palmer River in their entireties.

* map identification number corresponds with location on attached maps

Growing Area 3 – East Middle Bay Bristol Harbor

- GA3-1** Bristol Harbor, east of a line from the range marker located on pole # 20 Poppasquash Road at the northernmost indentation of Bristol Harbor to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker located on the northern extremity of Hog Island, and north of a line from the northern extremity of Hog Island to the range marker located at the western extension of Low Lane on Bristol Neck.

(see also: the seasonal closures GA3-2 under Bristol Harbor and GA3-5 under Potter Cove)

Mount Hope Bay and Vicinity

- GA3-3** Mount Hope Bay and vicinity south and west of the Rhode Island-Massachusetts state line to a line from the range marker located on the shoreline of Touisset Point to the range marker on Common Fence point that intersects with a line from Bristol Point to the Buoy R4 channel marker located on the southerly side of the Mount Hope Bay channel, including the waters north and east of a line from Bristol Point to the Hog Island Shoal Light, to the southwestern extremity of Arnold Point in Portsmouth, where a Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker has been established, and north of a line in the Sakonnet River at the centerline of the Sakonnet Bridge in Portsmouth and Tiverton
- GA3-4** The waters in the vicinity of Melville east of a line from Coggeshall Point southwesterly to the southeastern most point of Dyer Island and the area east of a line from Carr Point northwesterly to the southeastern most point of Dyer Island Portsmouth.

Growing Area 4 – Sakonnet River

- GA4-1** That portion of the cove in Portsmouth south of a line from the southern end of Hummock Point to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker located at the eastern extremity of a point of land on the western shore of the cove.
- GA4-2** The Sakonnet River south and west of a line at the center of the Sakonnet Bridge between Portsmouth and Tiverton and north of a line extending from the south-western most corner of the Stone Bridge in Tiverton to the eastern-most extension of Morningside Lane in Portsmouth.
- GA4-3** All tidal waters of the “Gut” (so called), located at the north end of Nannaquaket Pond, north of the northern side of Rt. 77 (Main Road) in Tiverton.
- GA4-4** All waters of the Quaket River east of a line extending from the northwestern most point of Nannaquaket Neck to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker located on a pole on the opposite shore in Tiverton and east to the eastern most side of the Nannaquacket Bridge in Tiverton.

Growing Area 5 – Kickemuit River

- GA5-1** The northern portion of the Kickemuit River north of a line from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker located at the eastern extension of Patterson Avenue in the Laurel Park section of Warren to the flagpole on the opposite eastern shore on the property of #61 Asylum Road in Touisset.

Growing Area 6 – East Passage

- GA6-1** The waters of the East Passage, south of a line from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker located just south of Carr Point to buoy “Gr C” located at Fiske Rock, and north and east of an intersecting line from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker located approximately 2,300 feet north of the former Blue Gold Pier, to nun buoy “22”.
- GA6-2** East Passage and Newport Harbor east of a line from range marker painted on the shoreline approximately 500 feet west of the monument flagpole located in Fort Adams State Park to the Rose Island light, east of a line from the Rose Island light to navy buoy “w” or “d” located at the southeast side of Gould Island, east of a line from navy buoy “w” or “d” located at the southeast side of Gould Island to buoy GR C at Fiske Rock, and south of a line from buoy GR C at Fiske Rock to the eastern (landward) end of the former dock site, located approximately 800 feet north of Green Lane.

Jamestown Area

- GA6-3** The waters on the east shore of Jamestown, in the vicinity of East Ferry and Taylor Point, west of a line from the house on the rocks located in The Dumplings through buoy C13, to buoy N2 located at the south end of Gould Island and south of an intersecting line from the northern most tip of Taylor Point to buoy R14 located off Coasters Harbor in Newport.

East Passage and Newport Harbor

- GA6-4** The waters within 500 feet of the firing pier at the U.S. Navy Torpedo Testing Station at the northern end of Gould Island.

Growing Area 7 – West Passage

- GA7-1** The waters in the vicinity of Quonset Point, south of a line from the northeastern end of the bulkhead at Quonset State Airport to nun buoy “10”, west of a line from nun buoy “10” to nun buoy “8”, north and west of the intersection of a line from nun buoy “8” to the northernmost tip of Fox Island, and north and east of a line from the southerly extension of 2nd Street of the Sauga Point area in North Kingstown to the western extremity of Sand Point on Jamestown.

Wickford Harbor and Vicinity

- GA7-2** That portion of Wickford Harbor west of a line from the northern extremity of Big Rock Point to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker at the southern extremity of Calf Neck, including Wickford and Mill Coves and their tributaries.

(see also: the seasonal closures (GA7-6) under Wickford Harbor)

West Passage

- GA7-3** Bissel Cove west of the line from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker on the north shore of Bissel Cove in the vicinity of “The Homestead” so-called to the range marker on the southern shore of Bissel Cove.

GA7-4 The waters within a 700 foot radius of the extension of South Ferry Road at the U.R.I. Bay Campus, including the E.P.A. dock located north of South Ferry Road, and the G.S.O. dock located south of South Ferry Road.

(see also: the seasonal closure (GA7-5) under Jamestown area)

Growing Area 7-2 – Pettaquamscutt River (Narrow River)

GA7-2-1 All waters of the Narrow River, Pettaquamscutt Cove, and the Narrows in its entirety.

Growing Area 8 – Greenwich Bay

Greenwich Bay - Apponaug Cove and Baker Creek

GA8-1 All waters of Greenwich Bay in the area of Apponaug Cove and Baker's Creek north and west of a line from the northeast extremity of Chepiwanoxet to the extension of Capron Farm Drive in Nausauket.

(see also: the conditional closures (GA8-5 & GA8-6) and the seasonal closure (GA8-7) under Greenwich Bay)

Greenwich Cove

GA8-2 Greenwich Cove westerly and southerly of a line from the Department of Environmental Management range marker located on the westerly side of Goddard Park State Beach to the southerly point of Chepiwanoxet Island.

(see also: the conditional closures (GA8-5 & GA8-6) and the seasonal closure (GA8-7) under Greenwich Bay)

Brush Neck Cove

GA8-3 All waters of Brush Neck Cove and Buttonwoods Cove north of a line from the easternmost point of Buttonwoods Neck in Buttonwoods, to the western extension of Strand Avenue at Oakland Beach.

(see also: the conditional closures (GA8-5 & GA8-6) and the seasonal closure (GA8-7) under Greenwich Bay)

Old Warwick Cove

GA8-4 Old Warwick Cove, north of a line from the southeastern most riprap jetty at the entrance to Warwick Cove, located at the southeastern end of Oakland Beach to the southern (landward) end of Dorr's Dock on Warwick Neck.

(see also: the conditional closures (GA8-5 & GA8-6) and the seasonal closure (GA8-7) under Greenwich Bay)

Growing Area 9 – West Middle Bay

Allen Harbor and Little Allen Harbor

GA9-1 Allen Harbor, west of a line from the southeastern most extremity of Calf Pasture Point, to the northeastern most extremity of Spink Neck, including Allen Harbor, Little Allen Harbor, and the entrance channel in their entirety.

GA9-2 The waters in the vicinity of Piers #1 and #2 at the Davisville depot that are south of a line from the northeast corner of Pier #2 (the more northerly pier at the Davisville depot) to nun buoy "14", north of a line from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker located on the bulkhead at approximately 300 feet south of Pier #1 (the more southerly pier at the Davisville depot) to nun buoy "12", including all waters between the above described lines which are west of a line and the extension of a line from the northeastern end of the bulkhead at Quonset State Airport through nun buoy "16".

GA9-3 Frys Pond in its entirety.

GA9-4 Included in description of closure number GA7-1

Growing Area 10 – Point Judith and Potters Pond

GA10-1 Point Judith Pond north of a line from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker located in Smelt Brook Cove to the Rhode Island Departmental Environment Management range marker located at the northwest tip of Pine Tree Point, including the northern portion of Smelt Brook Cove, Congdon Cove, the Narrows, Long Cove, Upper Pond, Silver Spring Cove, Stone Water Fence Cove, and the tidal portion of the Saugatucket River and all other tributaries north and east of this line.

GA10-2 The waters of Champlin Cove located in Pt. Judith Pond, north of a line from the westernmost extension of Delray Drive to the easternmost extension of Flint Stone Road located on Harbor Island.

GA10-3 The waters in the vicinity of Snug Harbor within 500 feet of shore from Gooseberry Road to High Point.

GA10-4 Potter Pond channel east of a line across the western end of the Potter Pond entrance channel located approximately 500 feet west of Succotash Road and west of a line from a point of land on the northern shore of the channel approximately 700 feet east of Succotash Road to a point of land on the southern shore of the channel

GA10-5 The waters in the vicinity of Galilee within 500 feet of the shore from the northern end of the breachway to the western side of the Great Island Road Bridge to the southwestern extension of Basin Road.

GA10-6 The waters in the vicinity of Jerusalem within 500 feet of the shore from the northern end of the breachway to a point approximately 1,000 feet north of the state pier.

Growing Area 11NG –Ninigret and Green Hill Ponds

GA11NG-1 All waters of Ninigret Pond, including Tockwotten Cove, east of a line from the Department of Environmental Management range markers located on the shore directly eastward of pole number 16-1 at the end of Starrett Drive to the Department of Environmental Management range marker located at the end of Florence Avenue, and including Green Hill Pond in its entirety.

Growing Area 11QW – Quonochontaug and Winnapaug Ponds

- GA11QW-1** All tidal pond waters east of Weekapaug Road in the Winnapaug Pond area of Westerly.

Growing Area 12 – Little Narragansett Bay

Pawcatuck River and Little Narragansett Bay

- GA12-1** All the waters of Little Narragansett Bay and the Pawcatuck River within the state of Rhode Island which are northeast of a line from the southeastern extremity of Sandy Point to the northernmost tip of Napatree Point, including the "kitchen", (so called).

Growing Area 13 – Block Island

- GA13-2** All waters of Cormorant Cove in Great Salt Pond south and west of a line from the northern most extremity of Cormorant point to the landward end of the pier located at the former Coast Guard Station located at the entrance to the Great Salt Pond.

Growing Area 14E – Offshore Pt. Judith / Narragansett to Westport

- GA14E-1** Castle Hill Cove in its entirety.
- GA14E-2** Easton's Bay north of a line from Tuckerman's Terrace in Middletown to Narragansett Avenue in Newport.

Growing Area 14W – Offshore Napatree Point to Point Judith / Narragansett Including Block Island

Rhode Island Sound

- GA14W-1** The waters in the vicinity of Scarborough which are within 5,600 feet of the marine outfall sewer located south of Scarborough beach and east of fort Nathaniel Greene 41° 22' 48"n, 71° 28' 14"w.
- GA14W-2** The waters in the vicinity of Tucker's Dock which are within 4,000 feet of the marine outfall sewer located 41° 25' 16"n, 71° 27' 8"w.

New Shoreham (Block Island)

- GA14W-3** The waters in the vicinity of Pebbly Beach which are within 5,900 feet of the marine outfall sewer located 41° 10' 02"n, 71° 33' 04"w, including Old Harbor in its entirety.

Growing Area 15 – Seekonk River

- GA15-1** All waters north and west of a line from Conimicut Point directly to old tower at Nayatt Point including the Seekonk River the Providence River and all tributaries north of this line.

(note: see GA1-4 for additional closure area in the Upper Narragansett Bay extension of the Providence River.)

Growing Area 16 – Providence River

GA16-1 Included in description of closure number GA15-1

(note: see GA1-4 for additional closure area in the Upper Narragansett Bay extension of the Providence River.)

Growing Area 17 – Mt. Hope Bay

GA17-2 Mount Hope Bay and vicinity south and west of the Rhode Island-Massachusetts state line to a line from the range marker located on the shoreline of Touisset Point to the range marker on Common Fence point that intersects with a line from Bristol Point to the Buoy R4 channel marker located on the southerly side of the Mount Hope Bay channel, including the waters north and east of a line from Bristol Point to the Hog Island Shoal Light, to the southwestern extremity of Arnold Point in Portsmouth, where a Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker has been established, and north of a line in the Sakonnet River at the centerline of the Sakonnet Bridge in Portsmouth and Tiverton

Seasonal Closures

Seasonal Closures begin at sunrise of the Saturday immediately prior to Memorial Day and ends at sunrise of the Tuesday immediately following Columbus Day **Except as Noted.**

in accordance with the provisions of chapter 20-8.1 of the general laws of 1956, as amended, entitled "shellfish grounds", notice is hereby given that the following areas have been found to be in an unsatisfactory sanitary condition for the taking of shellfish for human consumption and declared to be polluted areas during the period of each year extending from sunrise of the Saturday immediately prior to memorial day and ends at sunrise of the Tuesday immediately following Columbus Day. Persons taking shellfish from said waters during this period will be prosecuted in accordance with provisions of the aforementioned chapter.

Growing Area 3 – East Middle Bay

Bristol Harbor

- GA3-2** Bristol Harbor, west of a line from the range marker located on pole # 20 Poppasquash Rd. at the northernmost indentation of Bristol Harbor to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker located at the northernmost extremity of Hog Island and north of a line from Rockwell's Dock on Poppasquash Neck to the southwest corner of the Premier Thread Company building on the east shore of Bristol Harbor.

Potter Cove (Prudence Island)

- GA3-5** Potter Cove, northerly and westerly of a line from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker established at the southwesterly extremity of Gull Point on Prudence Island through nun buoy 6 at the entrance to Potter Cove to the east shore of Prudence Island.

Growing Area 4 – Sakonnet River

Sakonnet Harbor

- GA4-5** Sakonnet Harbor south of a line from the light at the end of the Sakonnet breakwater to a point of land near the end of Goodrich Lane on the eastern shore of the Harbor.

Growing Area 5 – Kickemuit River

- GA5-2** The Kickemuit River, west of a line from the Department of Environmental Management range marker located on the western tip of Little Neck in Touisset to the brick stack located at 426 Metacom Avenue in Warren (formally known as the Carol Cable building), north of a line from the eastern extension of Sherman Avenue in Bristol to the western extension of Chase Avenue Touisset, and south of a line from the eastern extension of Harris Avenue in Warren to the "5 mph no wake buoy".

- GA5-3** The waters of the Kickemuit River, south of a line from the east extension of Kickemuit Avenue in Bristol to the Department of Environmental Management range marker located on the western tip of Little Neck in Touisset and north of a line from the Department of Environmental Management range marker located on the east shore and west shore at the entrance to the Kickemuit River, including the so-called Bristol Narrows" in its entirety.

Growing Area 7 – West Passage

Jamestown Area

- GA7-5** The waters on the west shore of Jamestown in the vicinity of West Ferry which are south and east of a line from the landward side of the northeast corner of the Fort Getty Pier to the south side of the mouth of Great Creek.

Wickford Harbor

- GA7-6** Wickford Harbor, west of Sauga Point breakwater and a line from the light at the southern end of the Sauga Point breakwater to the northern end of the Poplar Point breakwater and west of the Poplar Point breakwater.

Growing Area 8 – Greenwich Bay

- GA8-7** Effective at sunrise of December 1 through sunrise of February 1 - All waters of Greenwich Bay south and east of the current prohibited areas of Greenwich Bay including Buttonwoods Cove, Brushneck Cove, Bakers Creek, Apponaug Cove, Mary's Creek, Greenwich Cove and all other coves and tributaries of Greenwich Bay and west of a line from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker located on Pole #19 Beachwood Drive in Potowomut to the southeastern most riprap jetty at the entrance to Warwick Cove, located at the southeastern end of Oakland Beach. (Note: Conditional closure GA8-6 in effect during this seasonal closure and conditional closure GA8-5 in effect at all other times)

Growing Area 13 – Block Island

- GA13-1** Effective at sunrise of the Saturday immediately prior to Memorial Day through sunrise of the last Saturday in June - the waters of Great Salt Pond south of a line from the northern most extremity of Cormorant Point to the western most extremity of Harris Point including all waters of Trims Pond and Harbor Pond.

Effective at sunrise of the last Saturday in June through sunrise of the third Monday in September - all waters of Great Salt Pond, south of a line from the northern most extremity of Cormorant Point to the northern most landward dock located at the Block Island Club, including all waters of Trims Pond and Harbor Pond.

Effective at sunrise of the third Monday in September through sunrise of the Tuesday immediately following Columbus Day - the waters of Great Salt Pond south of a line from the northern most extremity of Cormorant Point to the western most extremity of Harris Point, including all waters of Trims Pond and Harbor Pond.

*refer to local town of New Shoreham ordinances for additional management restrictions. For further information contact the Block Island Harbors department at 466-3204.

Conditional Closures

in accordance with the provisions of title 20, chapter 8.1 of the general laws of 1956, entitled "shellfish grounds", notice is hereby given that the water areas in Rhode Island overlying shellfish grounds herein described are from time to time found to be in an unsatisfactory sanitary condition for the taking of shellfish for human consumption and are declared to be polluted areas at those times. Persons taking shellfish from said waters during those times will be prosecuted in accordance with the provisions of the aforementioned chapter. The status of these areas can be obtained at any time by phoning the Division of Enforcement, Department of Environmental Management at 222-2900.

Growing Area 1 – Upper Narragansett Bay

GA1-1 Upper Narragansett Bay Conditional Area A:

north of a line from the southeast corner of the Rocky Point pier in Warwick to the southwest (landward) corner of the Colt State Park pier in Bristol, south of a line from Adams Point in Barrington to Jacobs Point in Warren, and south of a line from Conimicut Point to Conimicut light and then to Old Tower at Nayatt Point including the waters of the Mill Gut in their entirety.

GA1-2 Upper Narragansett Bay Conditional Area B:

north of a line from Warwick Point to the northern extremity of Providence Point on Prudence Island, north of a line from the northern extremity of Providence Point to the southern extremity of Poppasquash Point in Bristol, and south of a line from the southeast corner of the Rocky Point pier in Warwick to the southwest (landward) corner of the Colt State Park pier in Bristol.

Growing Area 5 – Kickemuit River

Kickemuit River and Mount Hope Bay vicinity

GA5-4 All waters of the Kickemuit River and Mount Hope Bay north and west of a line from Bristol Point to the channel Buoy R4 located on the southerly side of the Mount Hope Bay channel, and west of an intersecting line from a range marker on Common Fence Point in Portsmouth to a range marker on the shoreline of Touisset Point in Warren, and south of a line from the range marker at the eastern extension of Patterson Avenue in the Laurel Park section of Warren to the flagpole on the opposite eastern shore on the property of #61 Asylum Road in Touisset.

Growing Area 8 – Greenwich Bay

GA8-5 The waters of Greenwich Bay, north and west of a line from the eastern extremity of Sandy Point in Warwick to the flag pole located at the Warwick Country Club on Warwick Neck, excluding Apponaug Cove and all tributaries north and west of a line from the northeast extremity of Chepiwanoxet to the extension of Capron Farm Drive in Nausauket, excluding Brush Neck and Buttonwoods Cove north of a line from the easternmost point of Buttonwoods Neck to the western extension of Strand Avenue at Oakland Beach, excluding Greenwich Cove west and south of a line from the northerly point of Long Point to the southern point of Chepiwanoxet, and excluding Old Warwick Cove north of a line from the southeastern riprap jetty at the entrance to Warwick Cove located at the southeastern end of Oakland Beach to the southern (landward) end of Dorr's Dock on Warwick Neck.

GA8-6 Effective only from sunrise December 1 through sunrise February 1 when seasonal closure GA8-7 in effect. all waters south and east of a line from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker located on Pole #19 Beachwood Drive in Potowomut to the southeastern most riprap jetty at the entrance to Warwick Cove, located at the southeastern end of Oakland Beach excluding Old Warwick Cove north of a line from the southeastern riprap jetty at the entrance to Warwick Cove located at the southeastern end of Oakland Beach to the southern (landward) end of Dorr's Dock on Warwick Neck and north and west of a line from the eastern extremity of Sandy Point in Warwick to the flag pole located at the Warwick Country Club on Warwick Neck.

GA17-1 All waters of the Kickemuit River and Mount Hope Bay north and west of a line from Bristol Point to the channel Buoy R4 located on the southerly side of the Mount Hope Bay channel, and west of an intersecting line from a range marker on Common Fence Point in Portsmouth to a range marker on the shoreline of Touisset Point in Warren, and south of a line from the range marker at the eastern extension of Patterson Avenue in the Laurel Park section of Warren to the flagpole on the opposite eastern shore on the property of #61 Asylum Road in Touisset.

(note: see also seasonal closures GA5-2 and GA5-3 in the Kickemuit River)

Management Rules

***note: Certain fisheries management rules apply to shellfish harvesting. Specific hours for commercial and recreational harvesting of all shellfish have been established. For information regarding management restrictions, call the Division of Fish, Wildlife, and Estuarine Resources at (401) 222-3075 or (401) 783-2304, Monday through Friday.**

W. Michael Sullivan, Director
Department of Environmental Management

Date

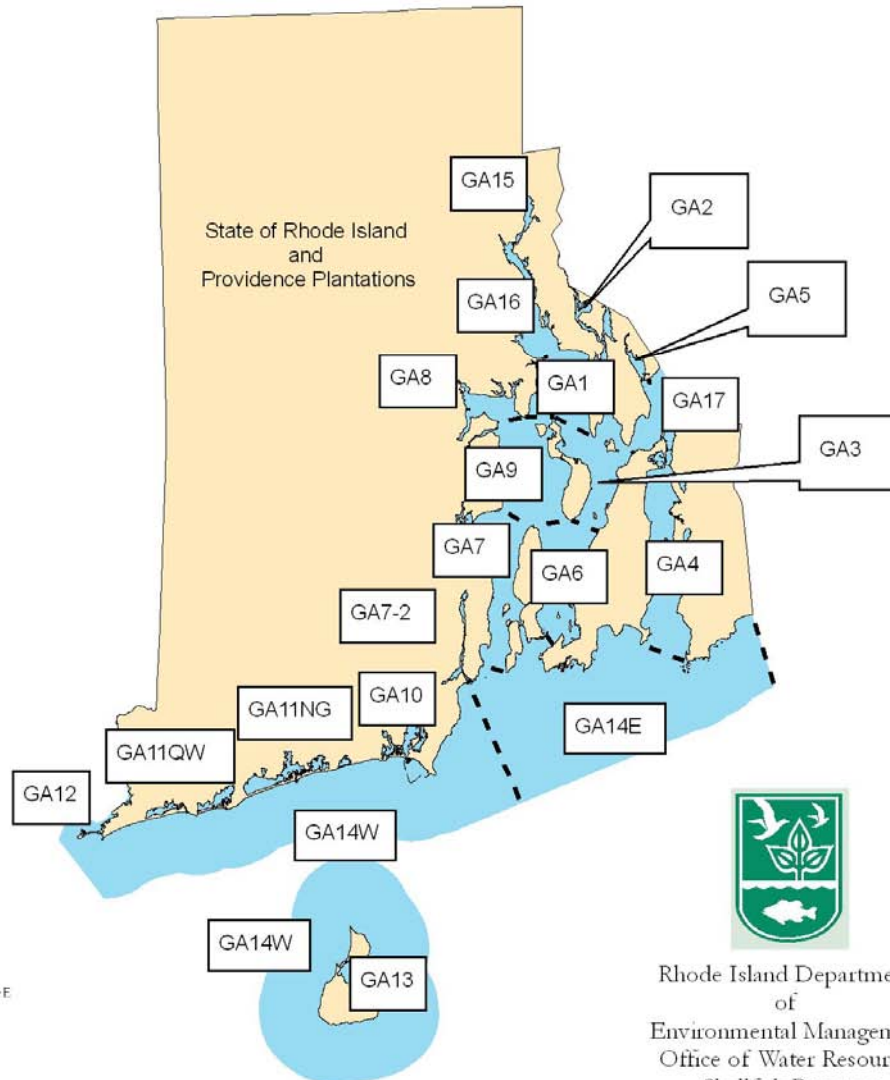
Shellfishing Classification Maps

Guide for Individual Growing Area (GA) Maps

May 2008

The attached maps include a line that serves as the legal description of the boundary (high tide mark) of the waters whose sanitary condition has been found to be suitable for the taking of shellfish ("Approved"). Taking of shellfish is prohibited from any waters located on the landward side of the boundary (high tide mark) of waters listed as approved and the landward side of the waters listed as prohibited, conditional closure or seasonal closure, regardless of whether the specific waters are shown or noted as prohibited on the attached maps. At locations where the boundary line crosses over water, the boundary shall be a straight line connecting the high tide mark on either side of the water along the main shoreline.

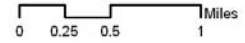
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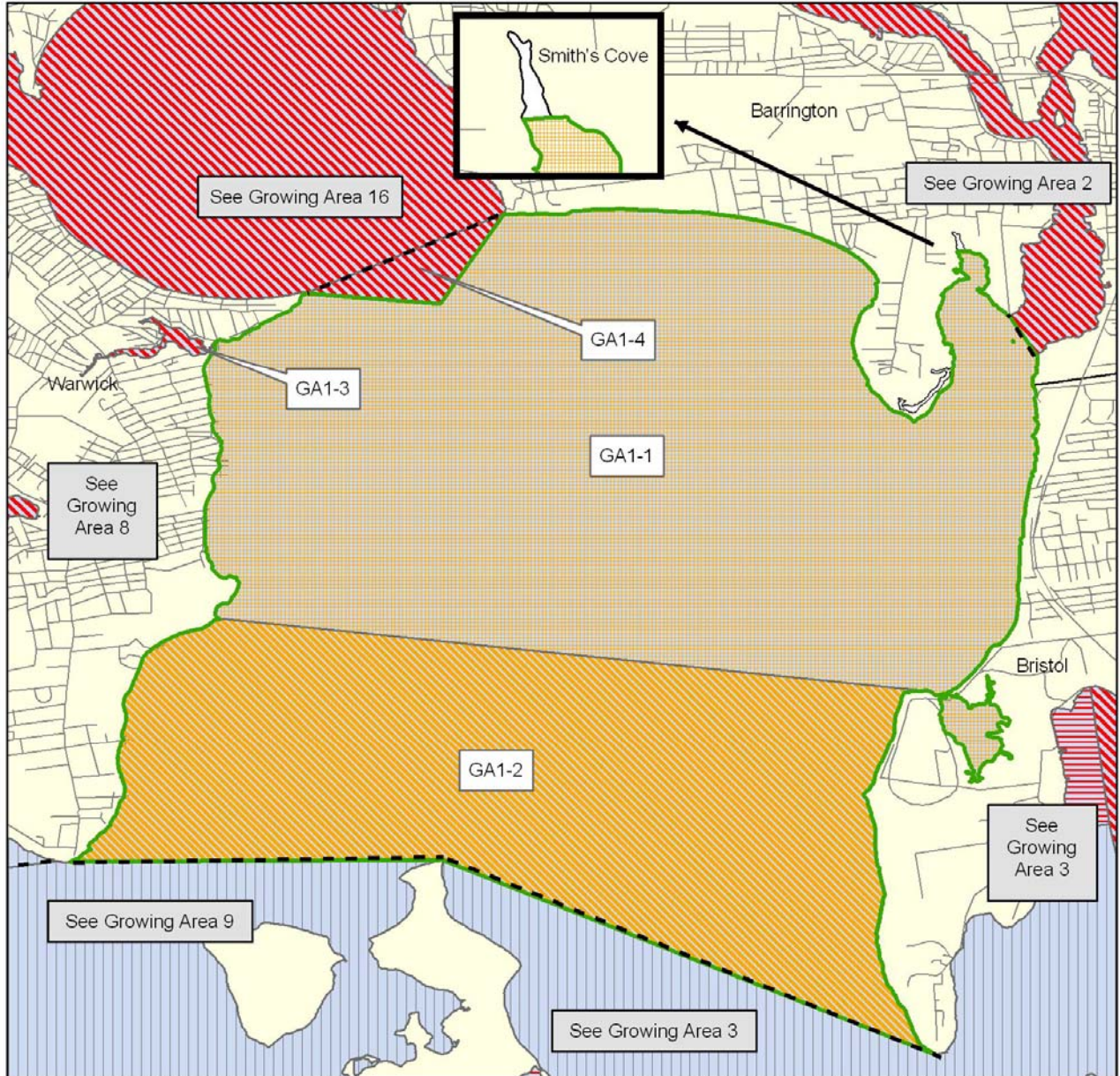
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**Upper Narragansett Bay
Growing Area 1
May 2008 - May 2009**



Shellfish Growing Area Classification Codes



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Upper Narragansett Bay Conditional Area - A

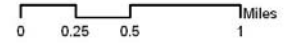


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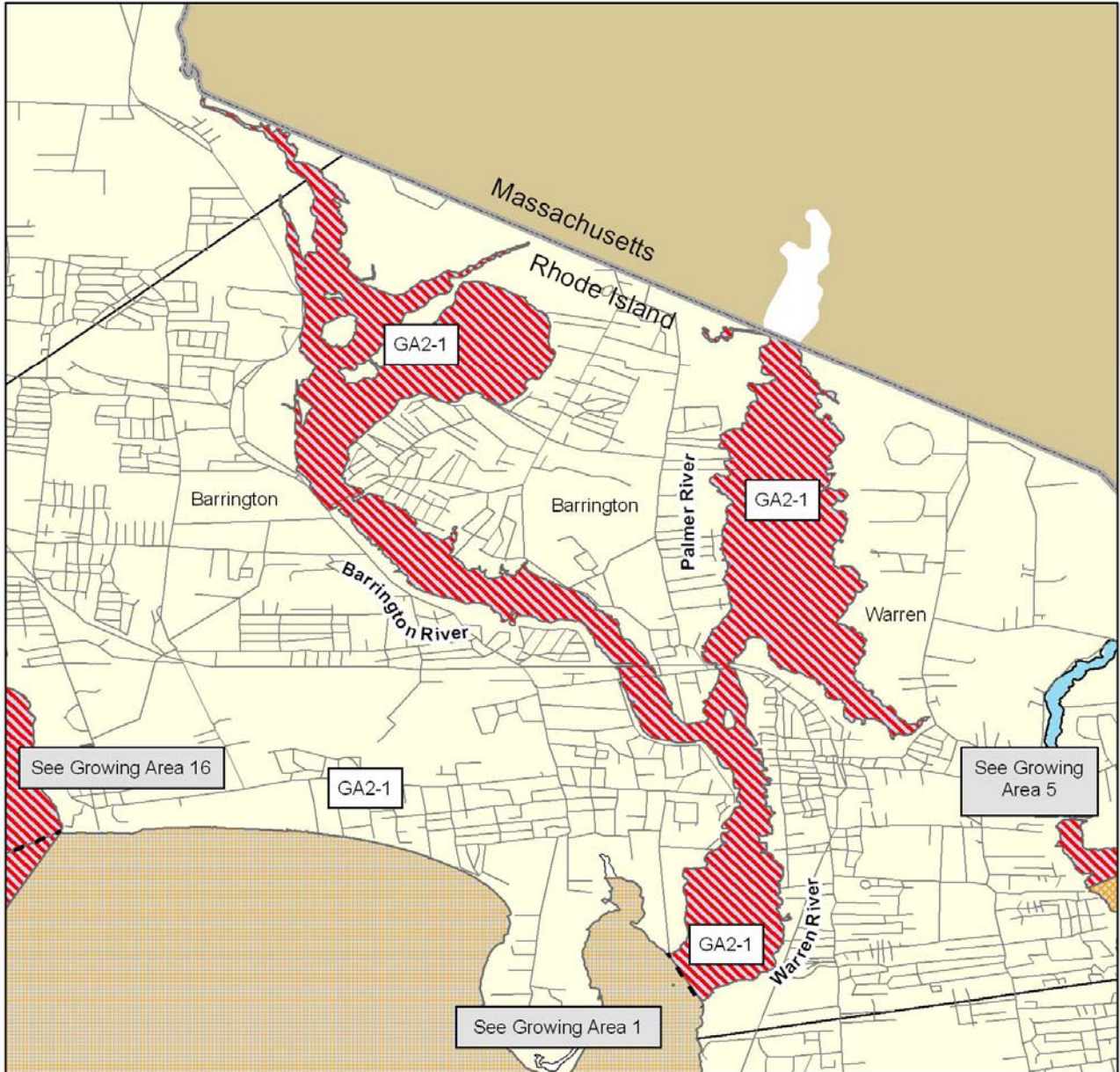
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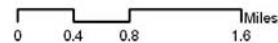
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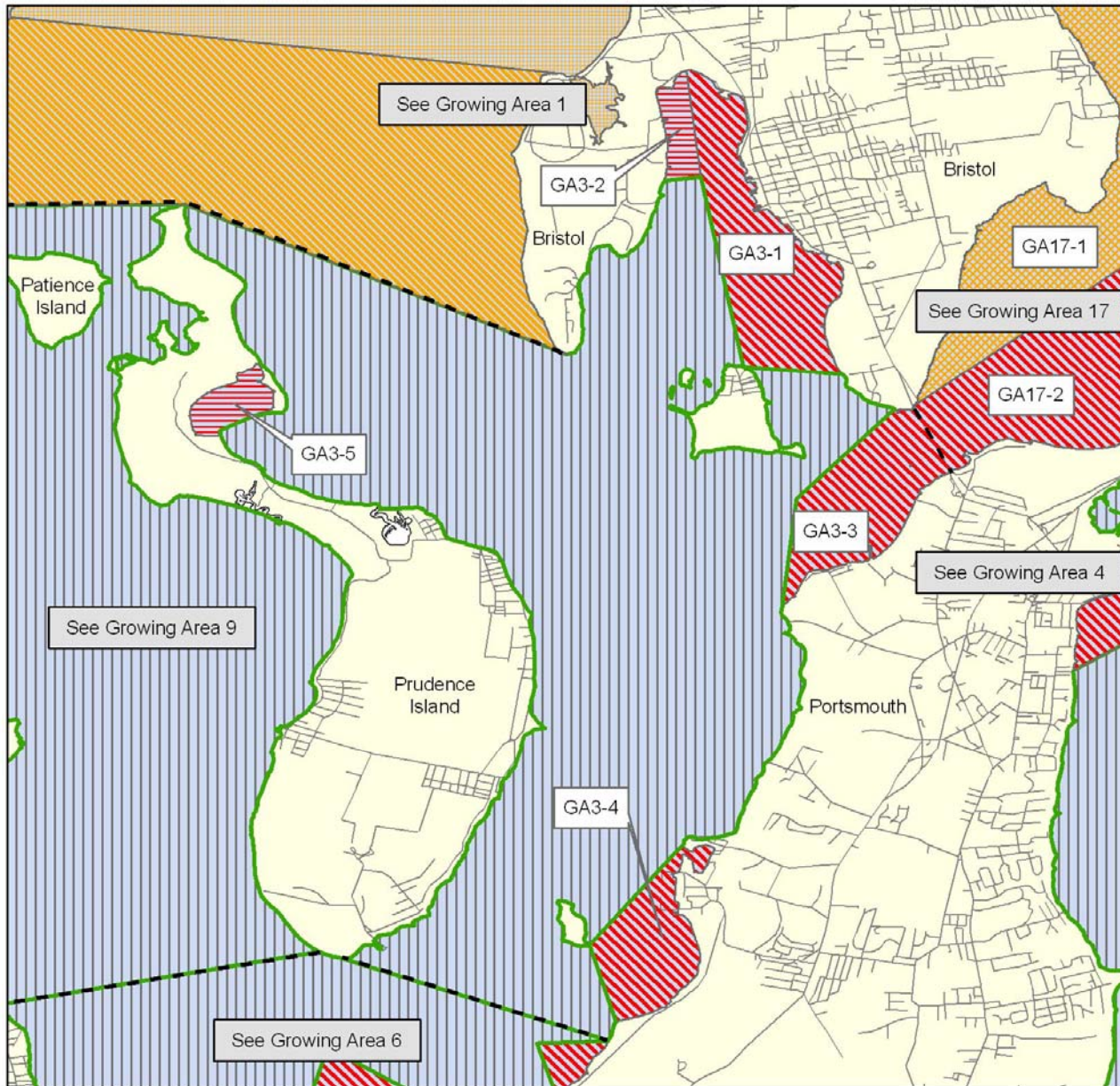
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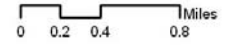
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-  Shellfishing Prohibited
-  Conditional Closure

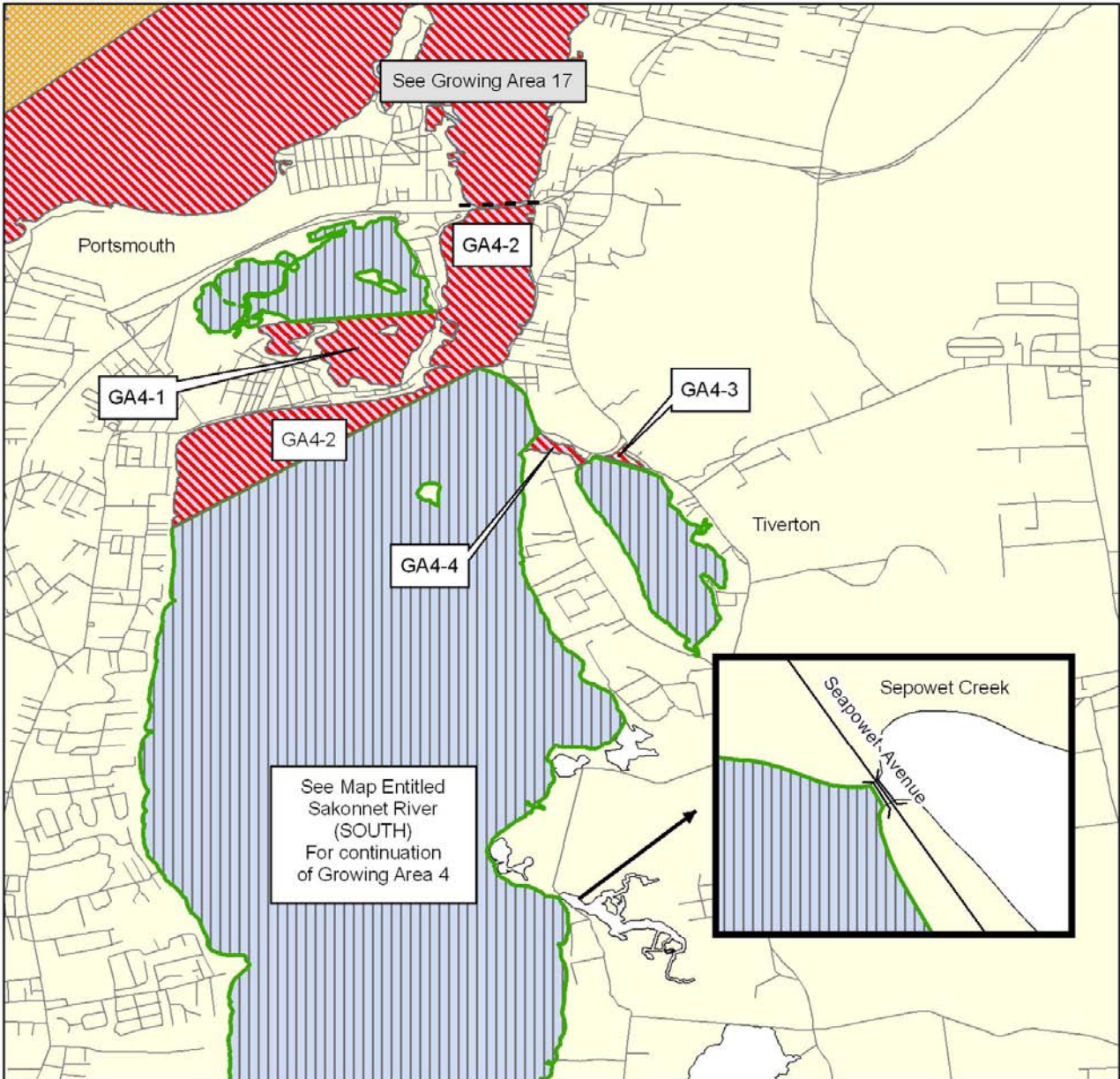
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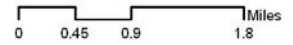
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Growing Area 4
May 2008 - May 2009**



Shellfish Growing Area Classification Codes

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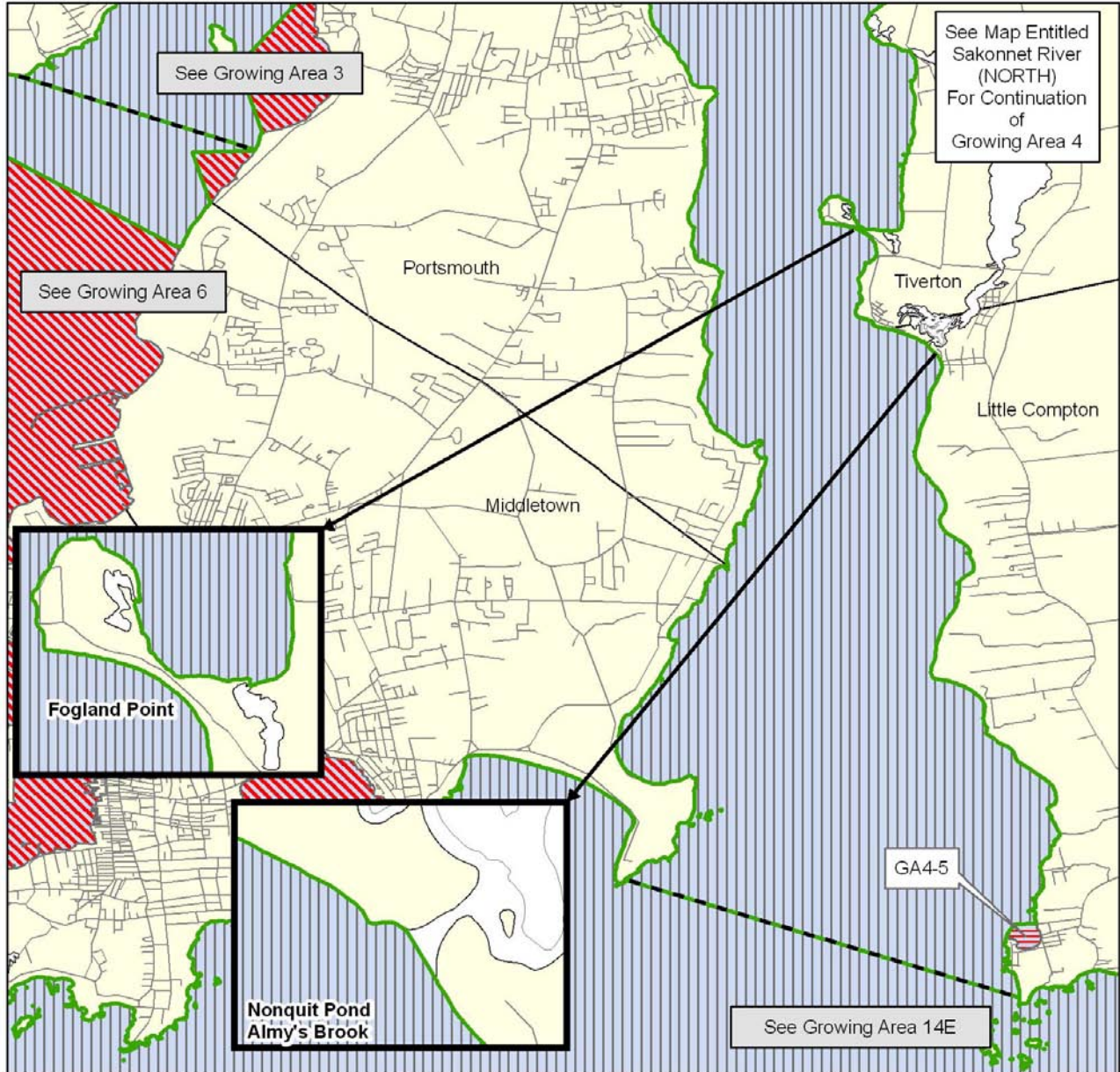
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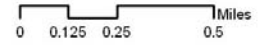
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Growing Area 4
May 2008 - May 2009**



Shellfish Growing Area Classification Codes

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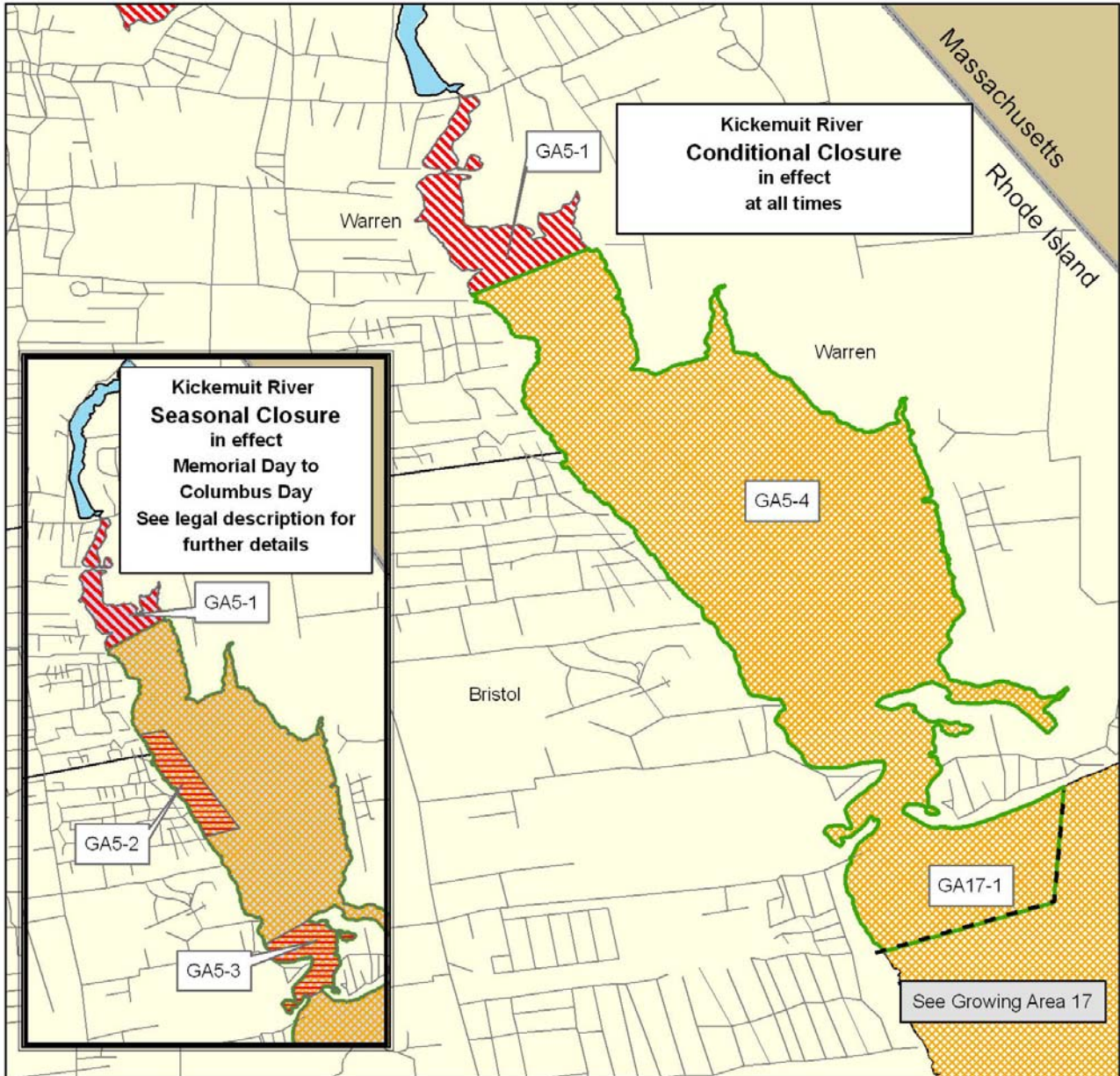
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**Kickemuit River
Growing Area 5
May 2008 - May 2009**



Shellfish Growing Area
Classification Codes

-  Approved
-  Seasonal Closure
-  Shellfishing Prohibited
-  Growing Area Boundary

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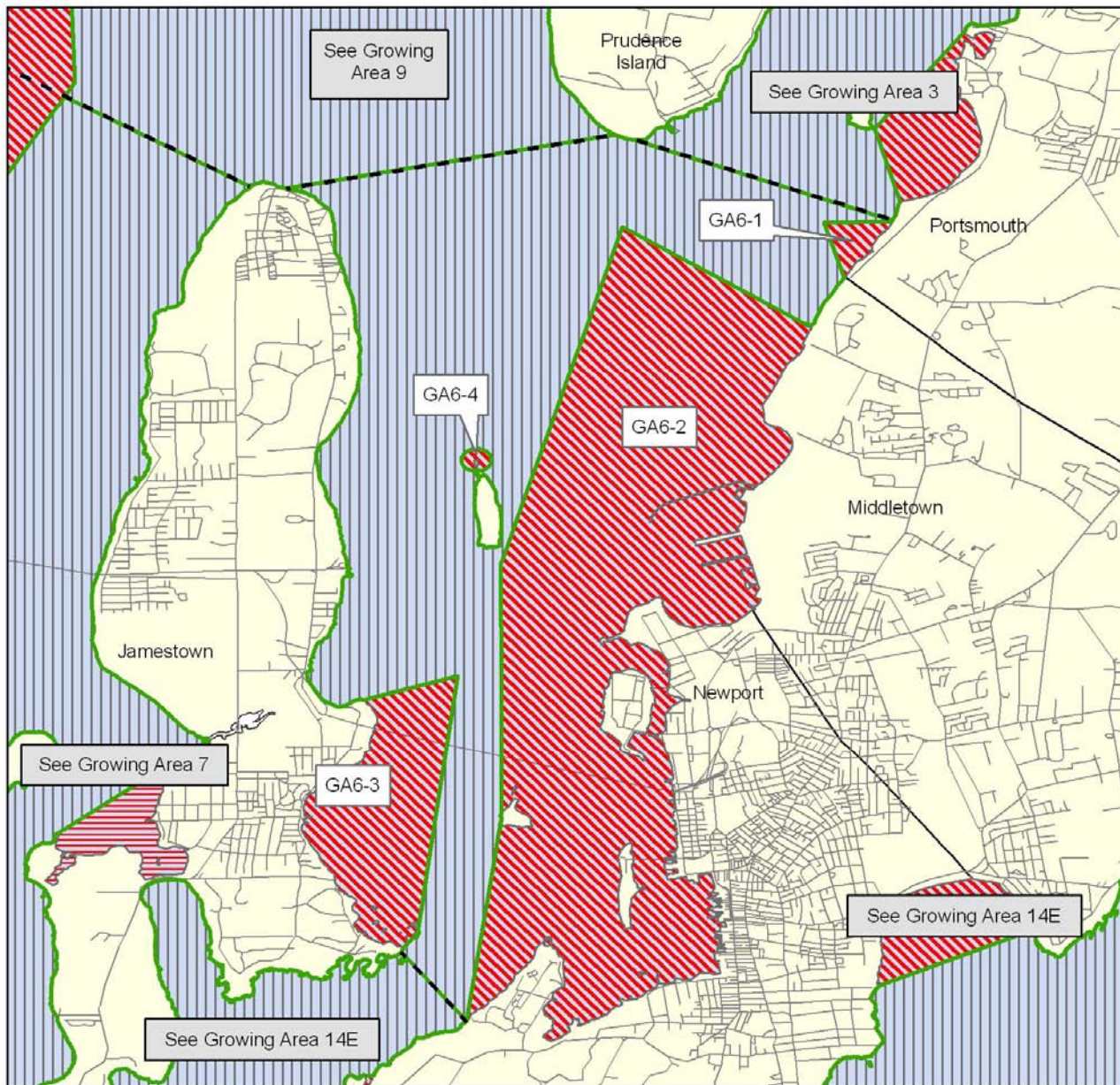


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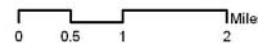
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May 2008 - May 2009**



Shellfish Growing Area
Classification Codes

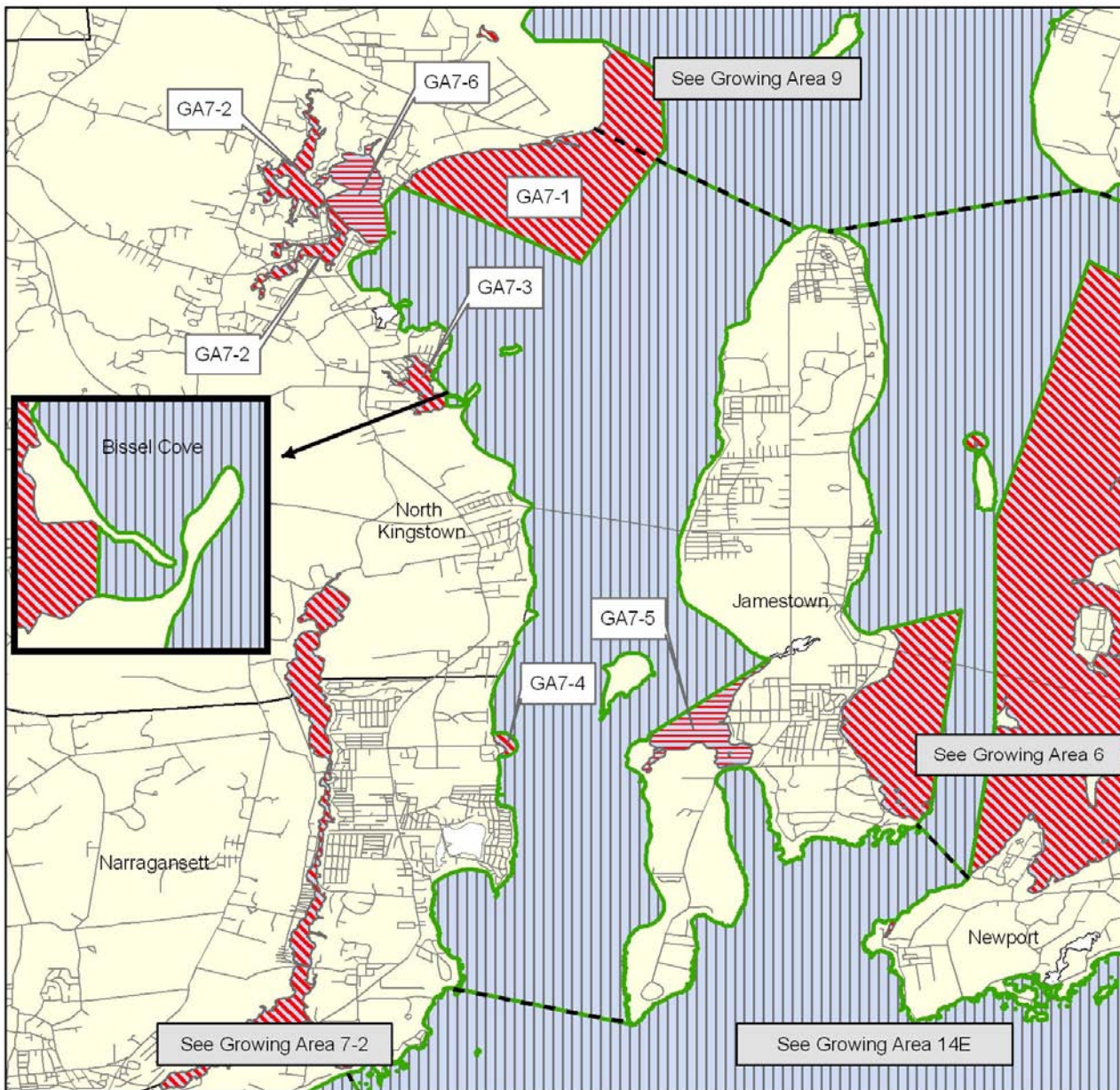
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-  Seasonal Closure
-  Shellfishing Prohibited
-  Growing Area Boundary

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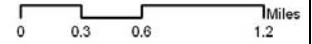
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Shellfish Growing Area Classification Codes

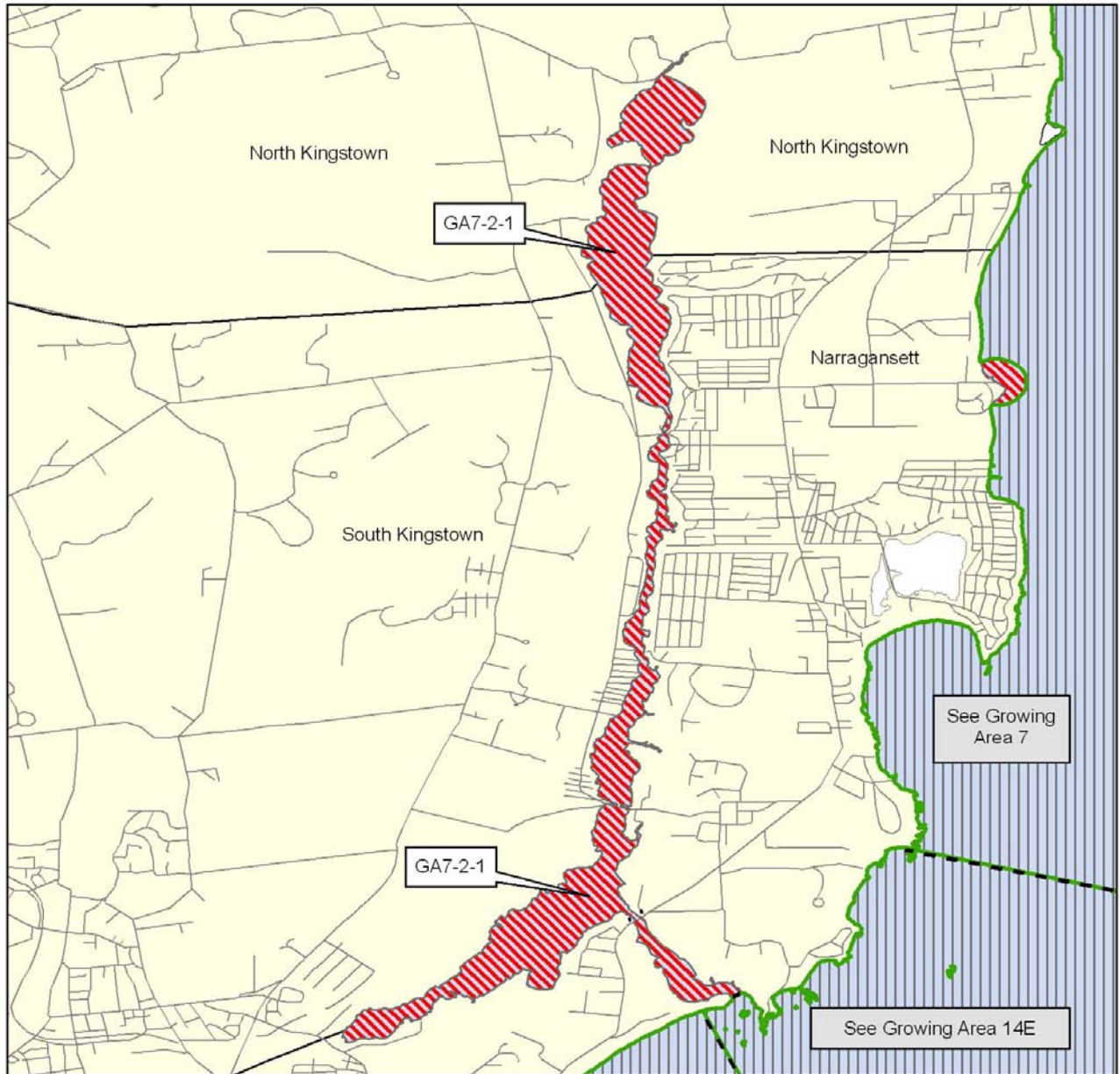
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-  Shellfishing Prohibited
-  Growing Area Boundary

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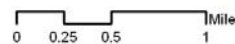
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May 2008 - May 2009**



Shellfish Growing Area Classification Codes

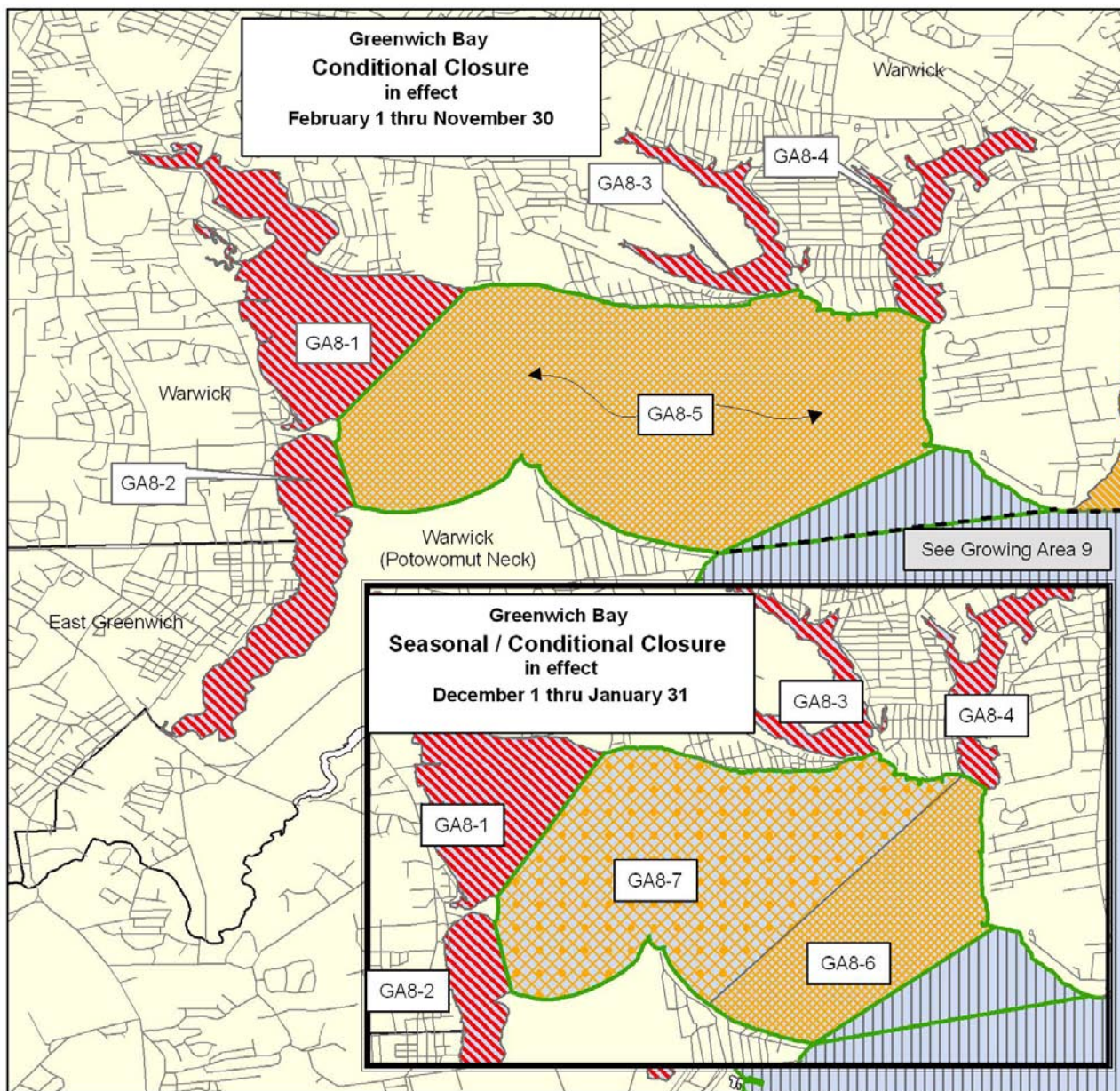
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-  Greenwich Bay Seasonal/Conditional Closure
-  Conditional Closure
-  Shellfishing Prohibited
-  Growing Area Boundary

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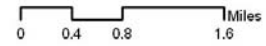
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Shellfish Growing Area Classification Codes

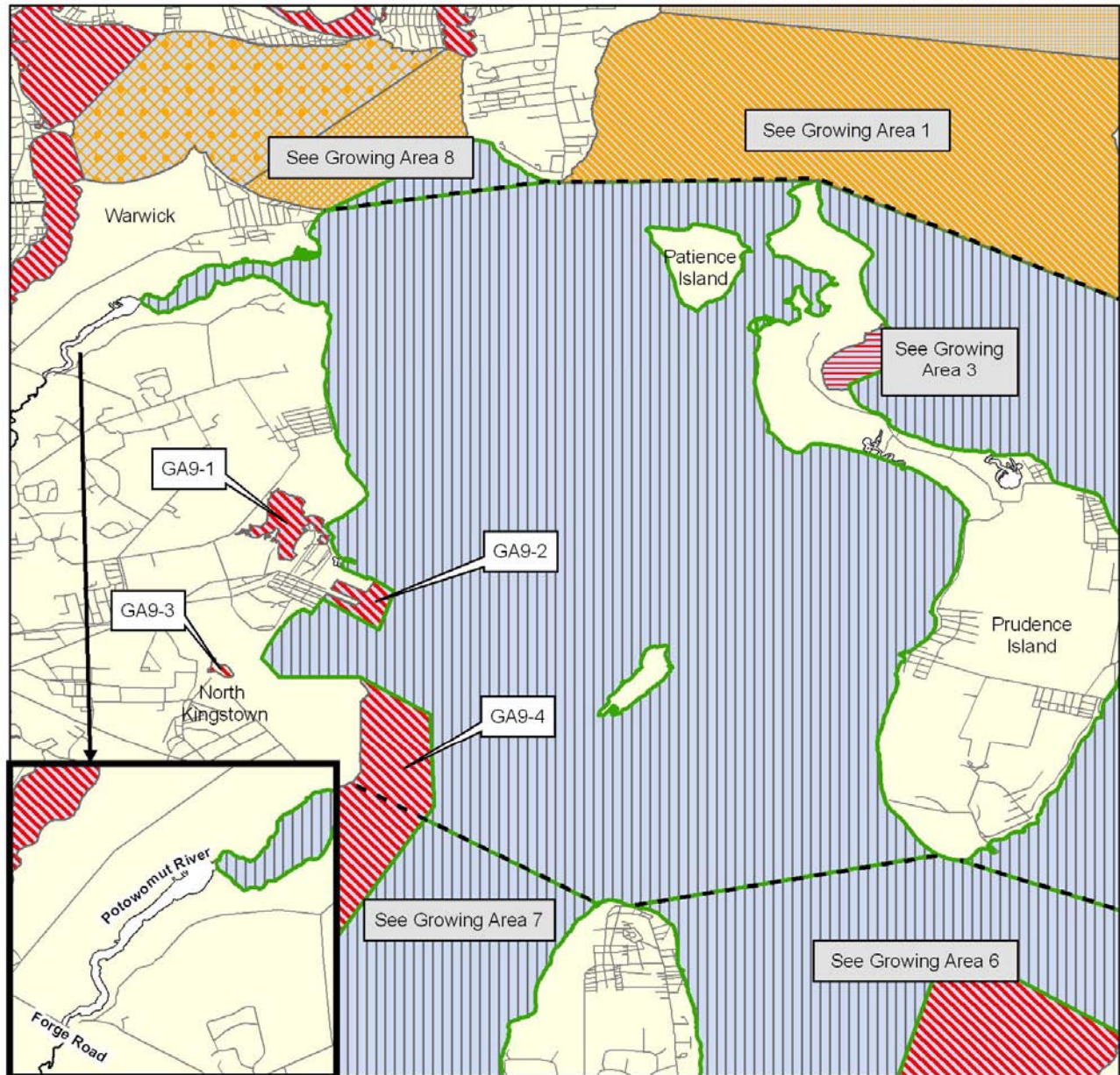
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|  Greenwich Bay Seasonal Conditional Closure |  Upper Narragansett Bay Conditional Area - B |
|  Seasonal Closure |  Growing Area Boundary |

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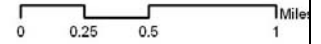
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May 2008 - May 2009**



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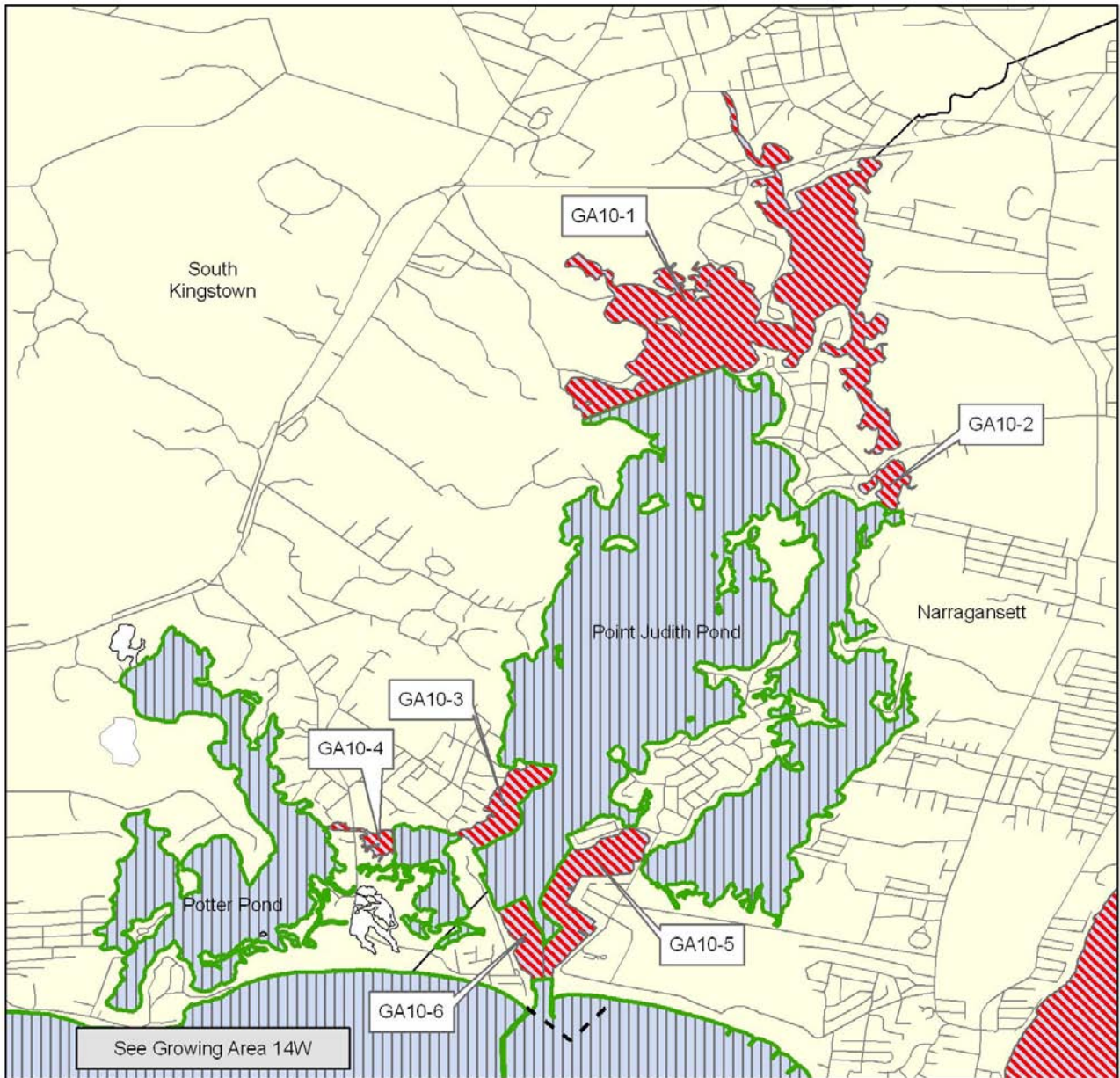
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-  Shellfishing Prohibited
-  Growing Area Boundary

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Growing Area 10
May 2008 - May 2009**

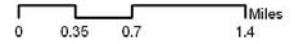
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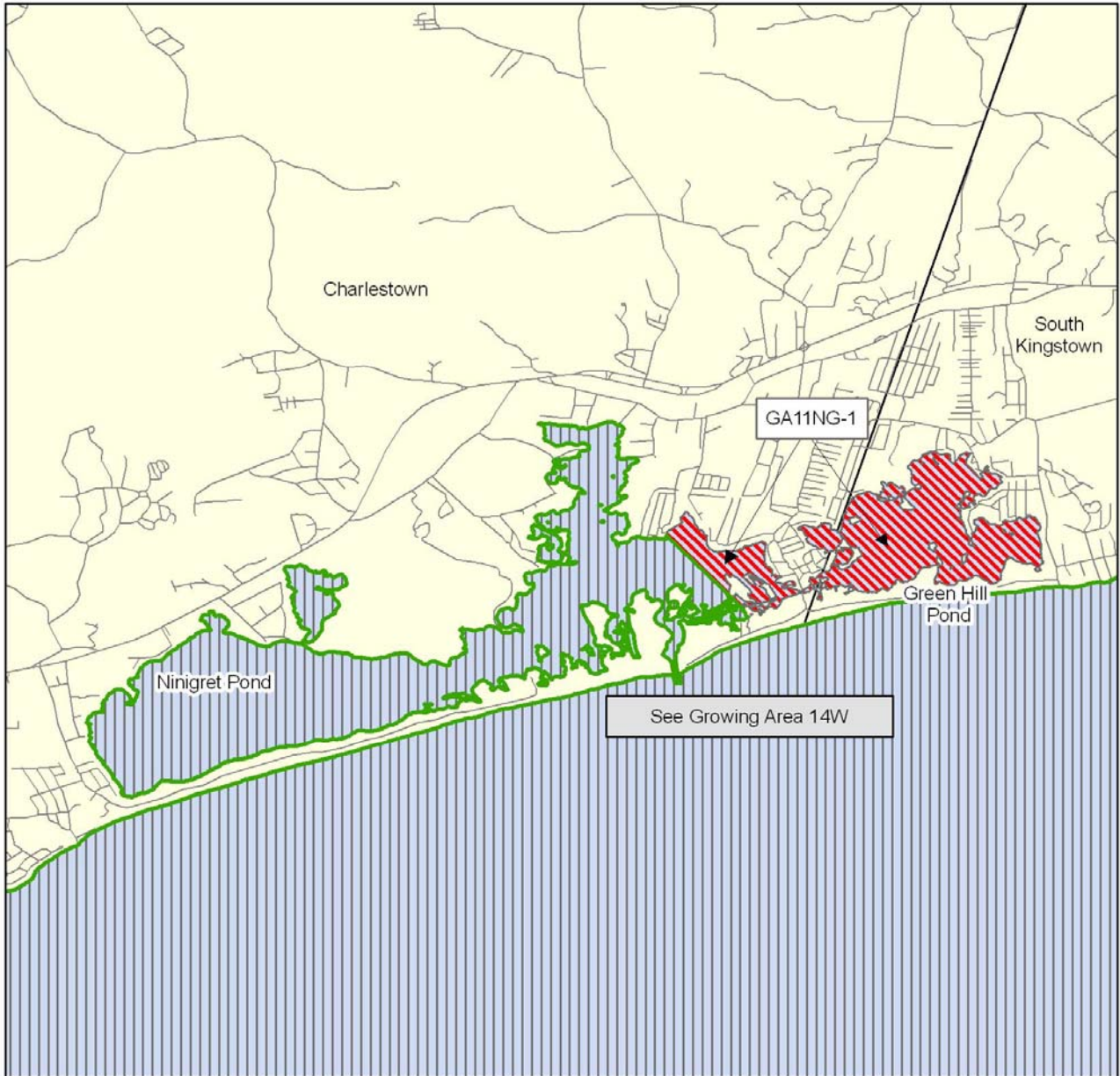
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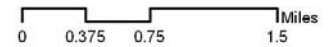
**Ninigret and
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Growing Area 11NG
May 2008 - May 2009**



Shellfish Growing Area Classification Codes

-  Approved
-  Shellfishing Prohibited
-  Growing Area Boundary

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Quonochontaug and Winnapaug Ponds Growing Area 11QW May 2008 - May 2009

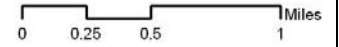
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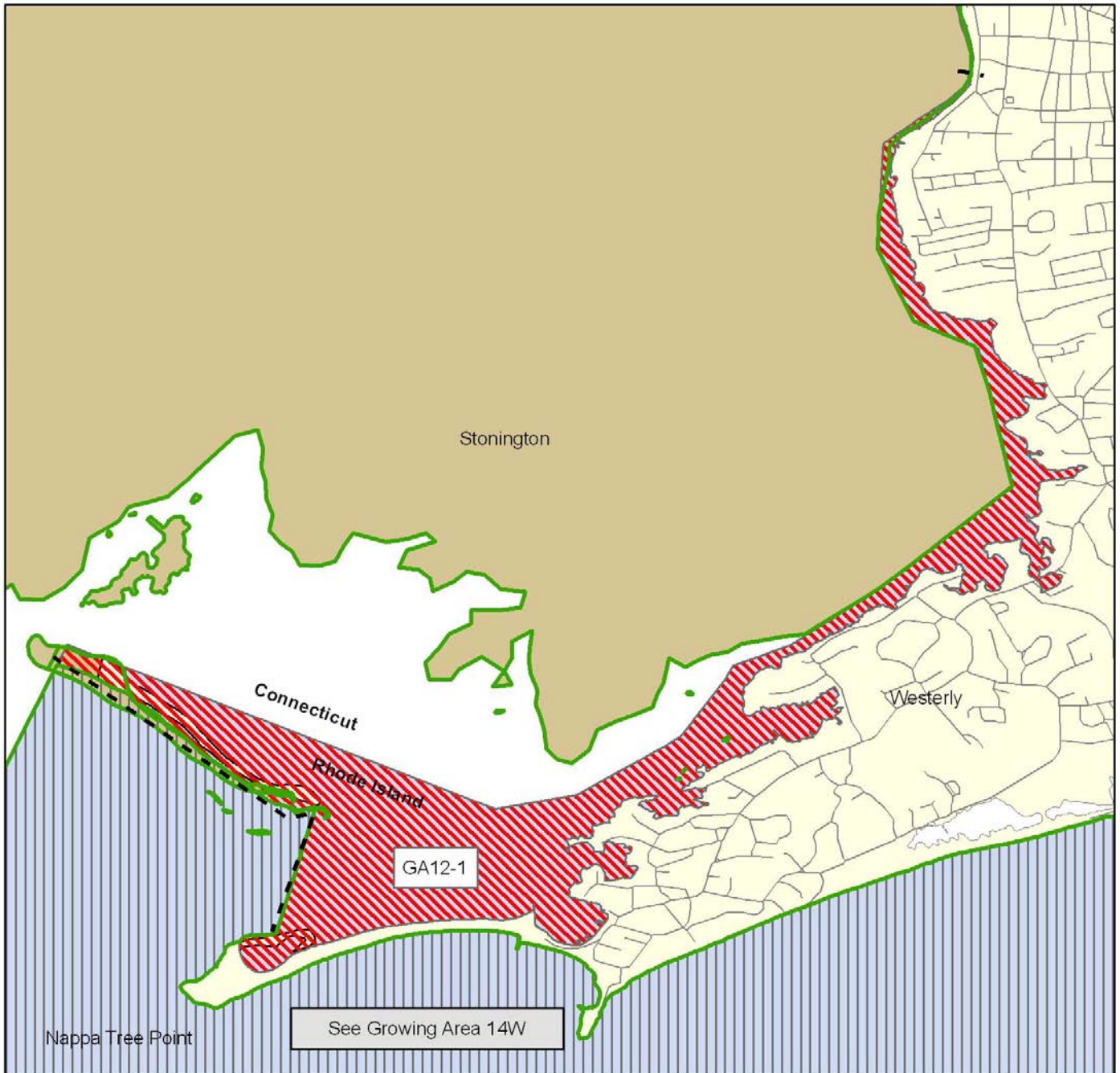
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



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Growing Area 12
May 2008 - May 2009**

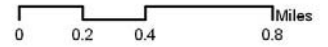
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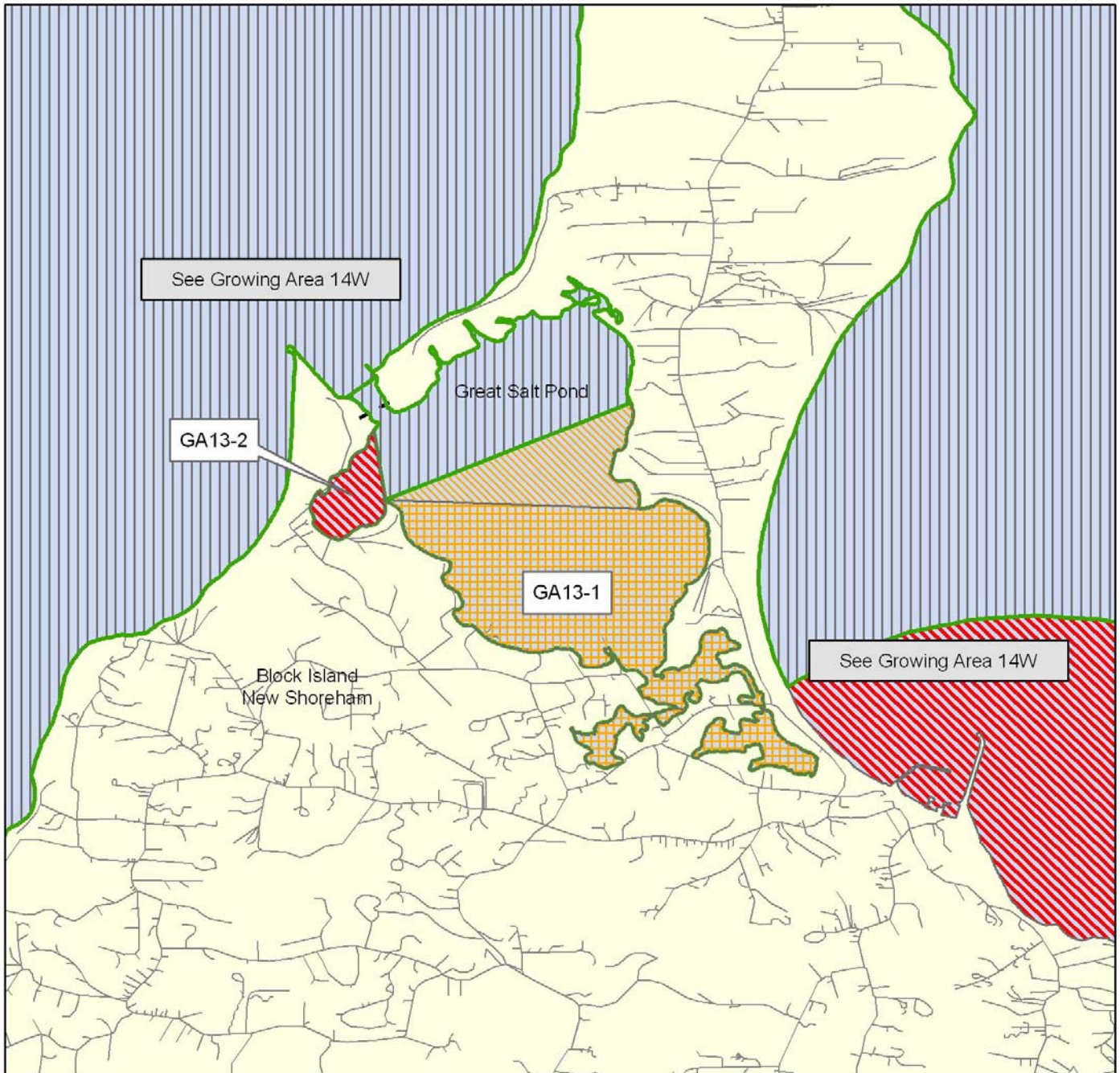
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-  Block Island Seasonal Closure A,C
-  Growing Area Boundary
-  Block Island Seasonal Closure B

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**Block Island
Growing Area 13
May 2008 - May 2009**



Shellfish Growing Area Classification Codes

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-  Seasonal Closure
-  Shellfishing Prohibited
-  Growing Area Boundary

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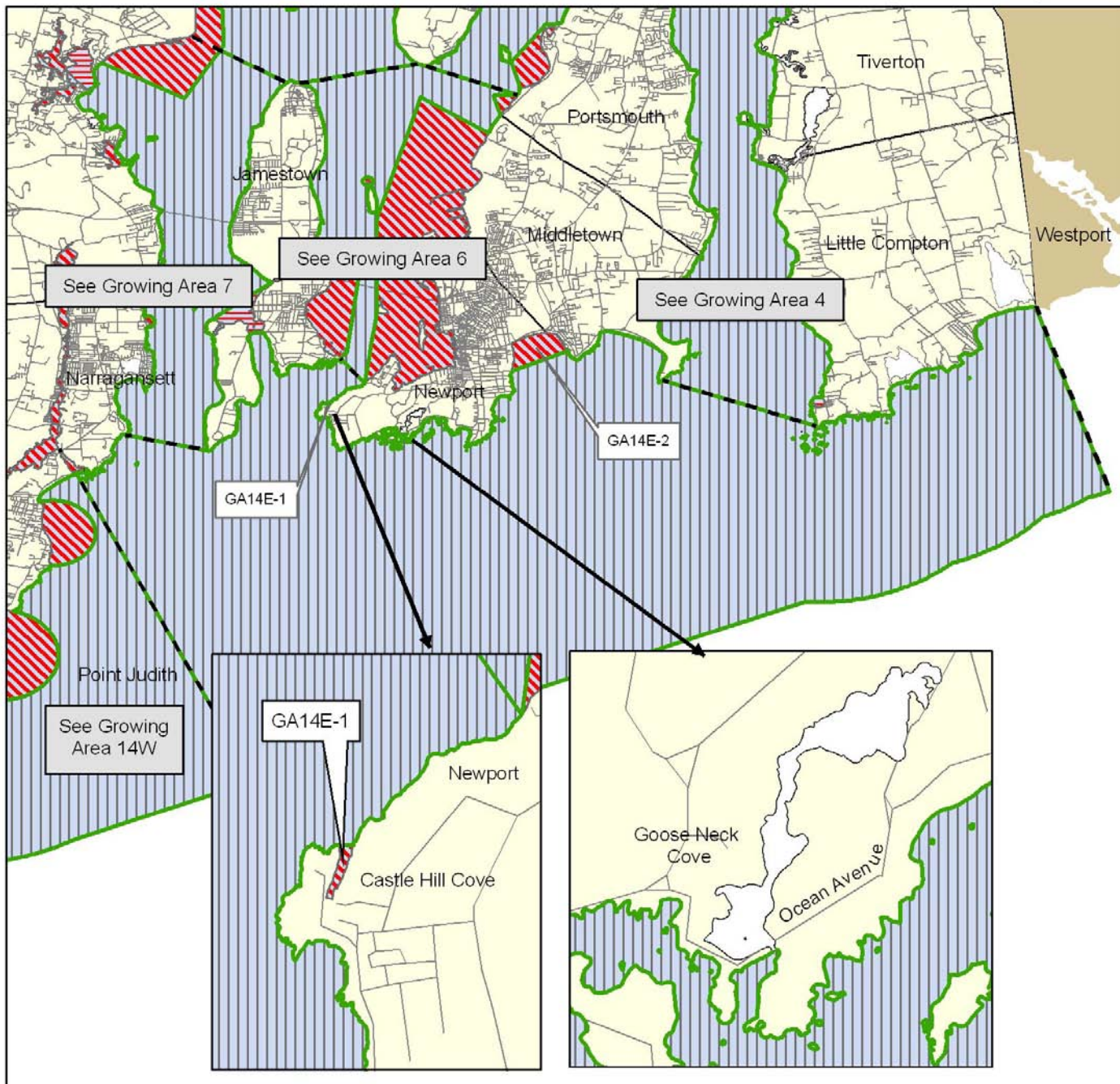


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


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**Offshore Point Judith
(Narragansett)
to Westport
Growing Area 14E
May 2008 - May 2009**



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-  Seasonal Closure
-  Shellfishing Prohibited
-  Growing Area Boundary

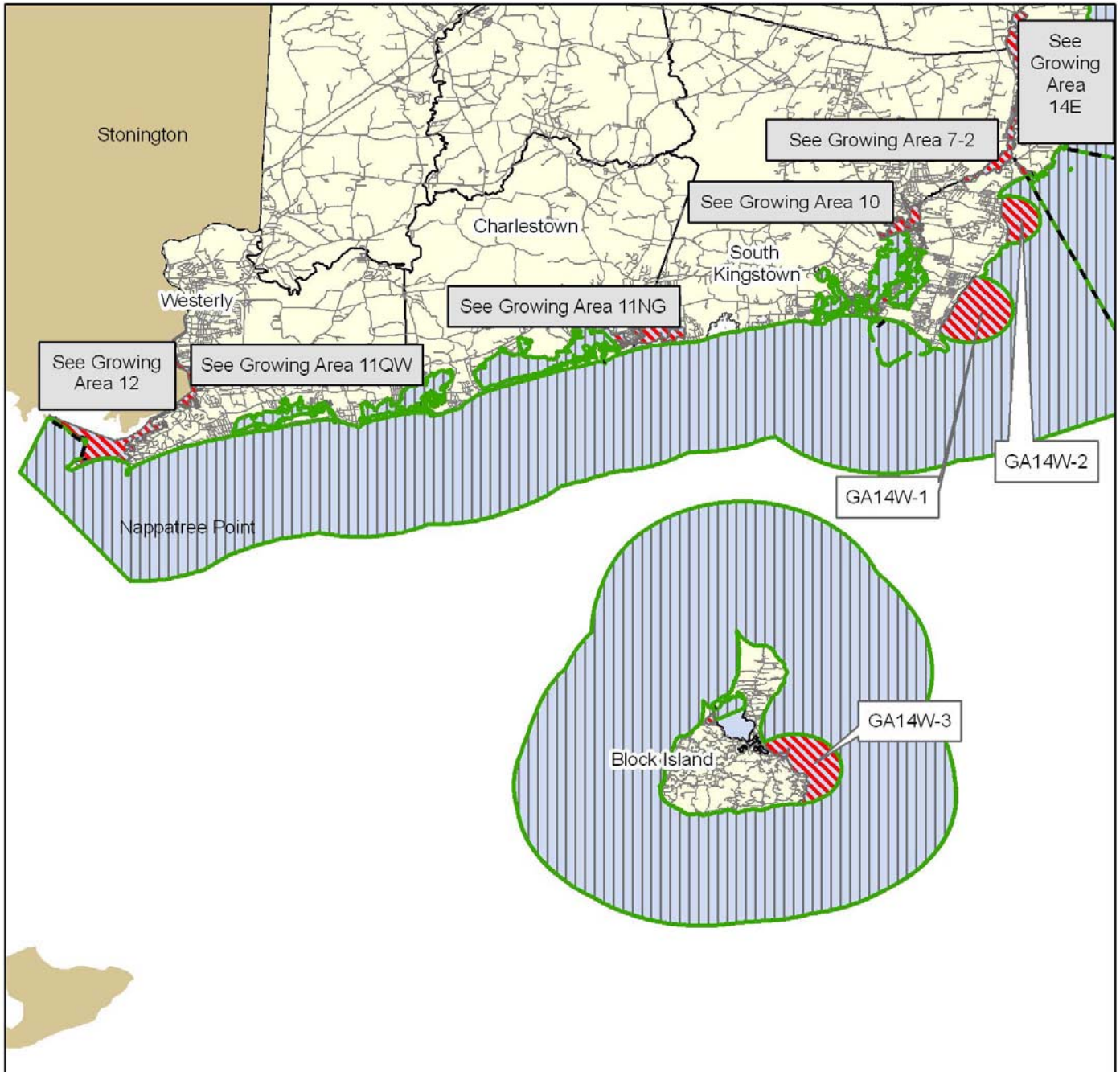
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**Offshore
Napatree Point to
Point Judith (Narragansett)
Including
Offshore Block Island
Growing Area 14W
May 2008 - May 2009**

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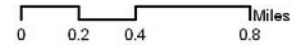
Shellfish Growing Area Classification Codes



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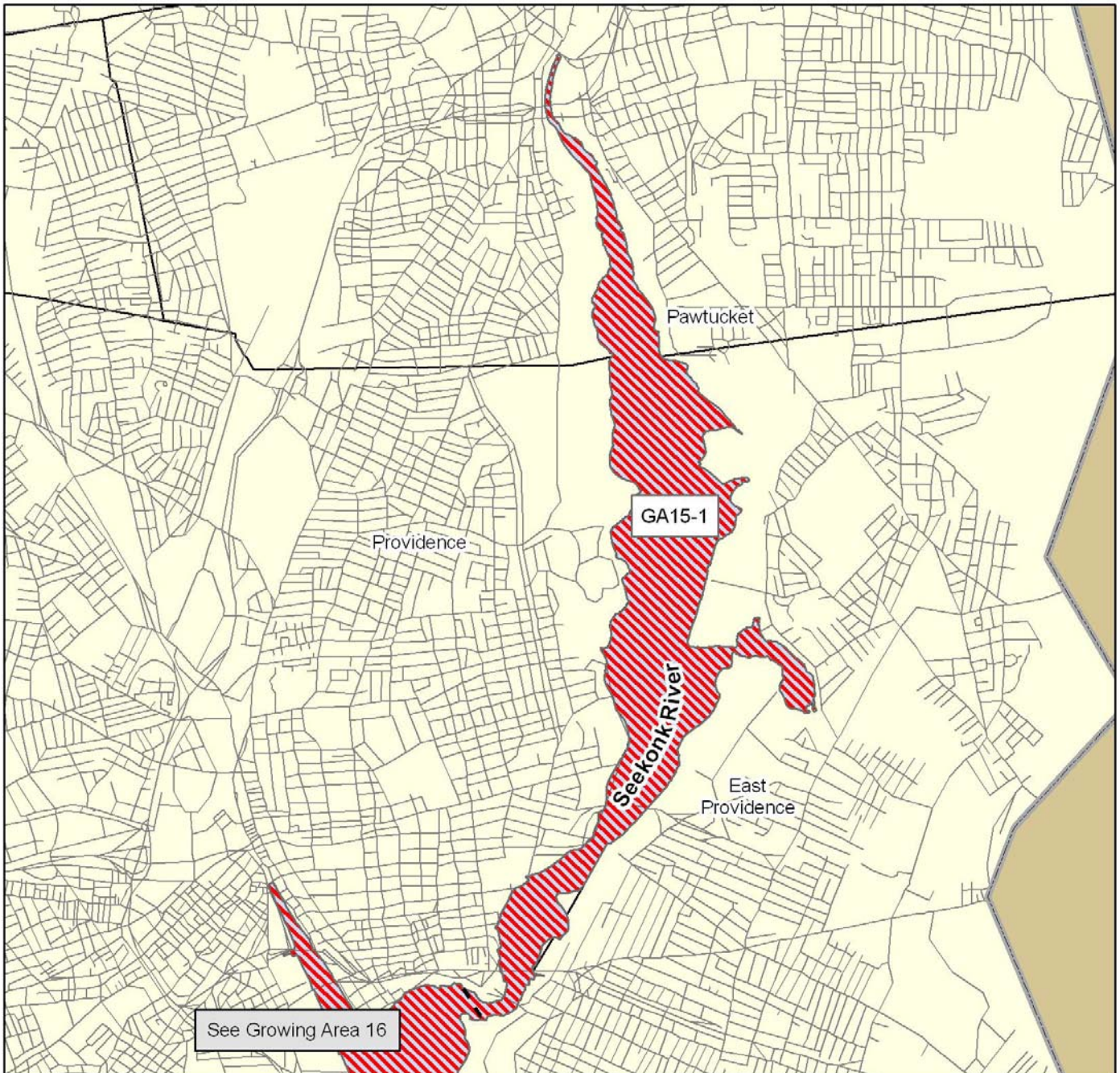
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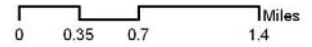
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Shellfish Growing Area Classification Codes

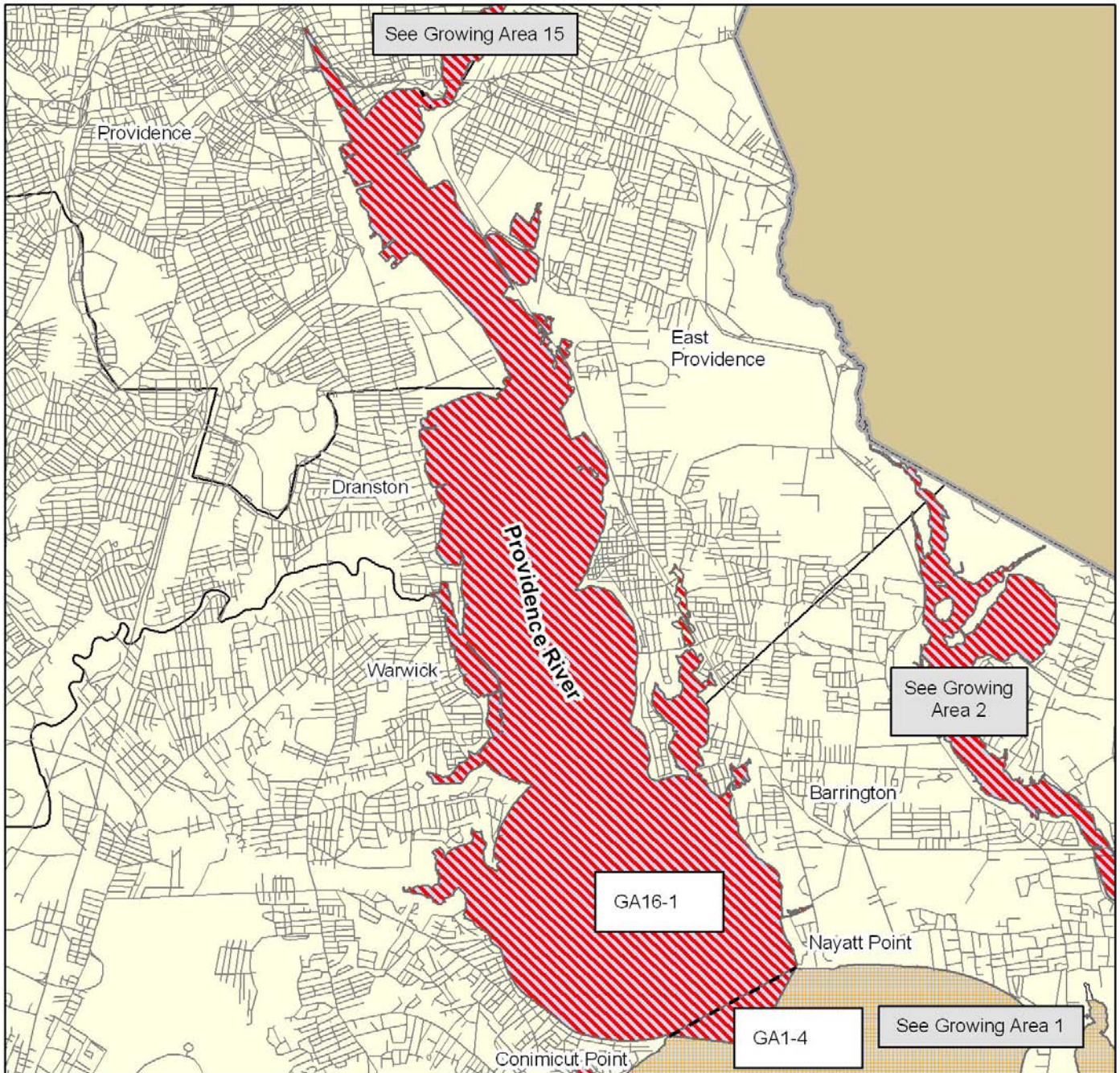
-  Shellfishing Prohibited
-  Upper Narragansett Bay Conditional Area - A
-  Growing Area Boundary

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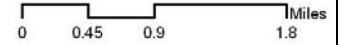
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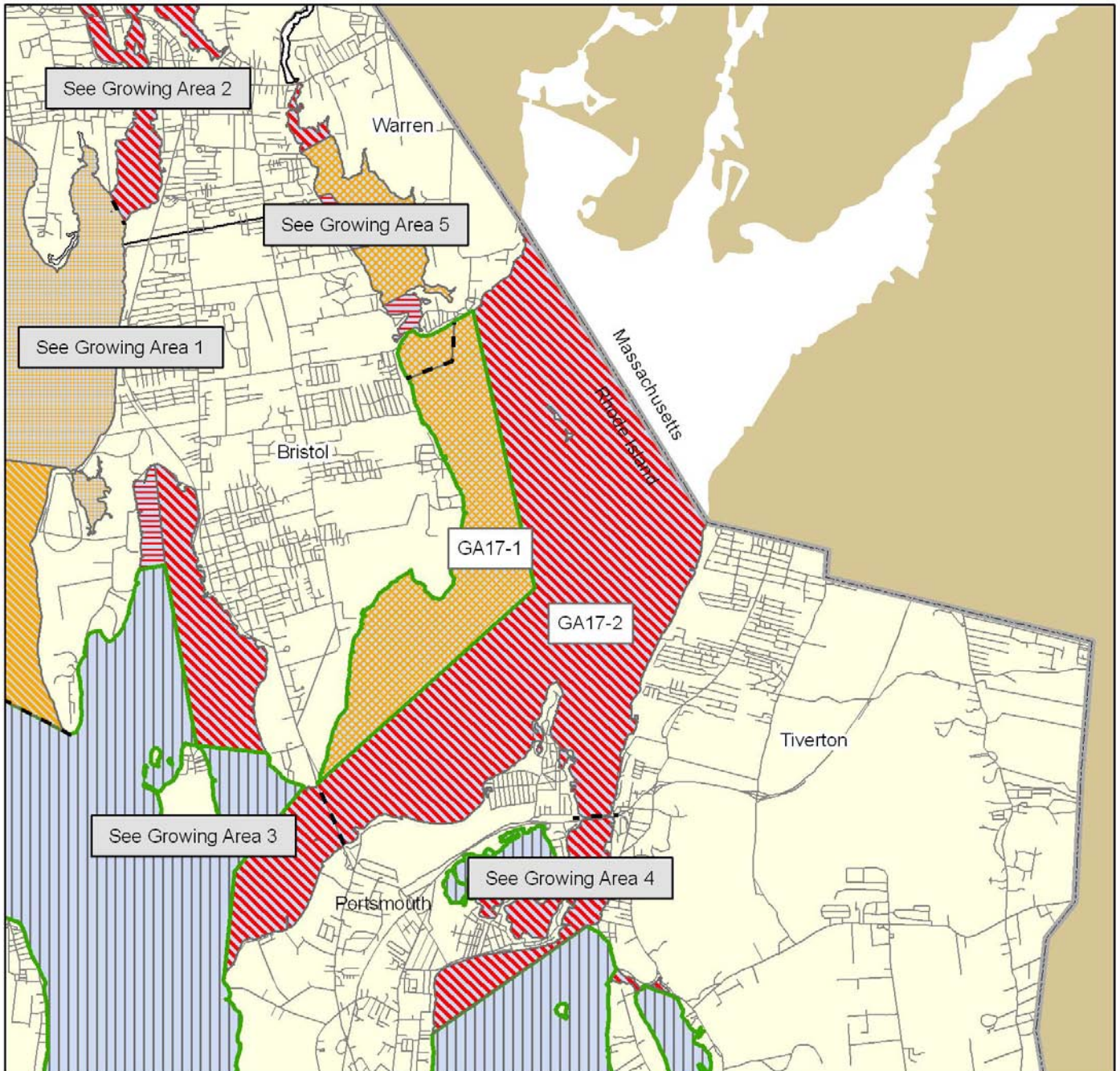
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 -  Shellfishing Prohibited
 -  Upper Narragansett Bay Conditional Area - B
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**Mt Hope Bay
Growing Area 17
May 2008 - May 2009**



SHELLFISH HARVESTERS' TIPS FOR SAFETY AND QUALITY

Rhode Island shellfish are quality products. Your cooperation with required and recommended practices helps protect the product and the industry.

WHAT IS THE ISSUE?

Disease-causing bacteria and viruses can be found in raw shellfish. Contamination can occur at any point in the food distribution system, including the point of harvest.



Since shellfish filter water for food, any bacteria or viruses in the water will be concentrated in the animal and can make it unsafe to eat. Remember, shellfish is considered ready-to-eat: Consumers may not cook it first --- a step that would kill bacteria.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO ME?

Shellfish harvested from polluted waters and areas of sewage discharge have higher levels of disease-causing organisms. As harvesters, you already know which areas are closed to shellfishing. These waters are tested for certain bacteria and are only closed to protect human health.

WHAT MUST I DO?

Follow the regulations:

- Don't harvest from polluted waters. All harvesting is prohibited in closed areas.
- Don't discharge sewage into the water. Discharge from ANY vessel, commercial or recreational, into Rhode Island waters is prohibited.

These steps are necessary to protect public health, water quality, and the marine environment.

WHAT ELSE CAN I DO TO PROTECT THE PRODUCT AND IMPROVE QUALITY?

Practice good handling techniques:

- Store out of the sun, covered if possible
- Bring to the dealer as soon as possible for refrigeration.
- Protect shellfish from contamination. Store away from bilge water, fuel oil, and other chemicals.



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