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Notice of Polluted Shellfishing Grounds May 2026

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 effective at Sunrise on May 23, 2026 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.

In addition to waters described in the following classifications certain portions of waters classified as Prohibited have been evaluated for compliance with the FDA/NSSP requirements for classification as Restricted. Shellfish from these waters (i.e. Restricted) may be harvested **only** under the RIDEM sanctioned shellfish transplant program and transplanted to designated areas for depuration. Private entities are not permitted to establish a relay and depuration program within Rhode Island waters.

Shellfishing Prohibited

The attached maps include a line that delineates the boundary (high tide mark) of the waters where the taking of shellfish is prohibited from any waters located on the landward side of the boundary (high tide mark), 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

All waters landward of any prohibited waters described below are considered to be prohibited to the taking of shellfish.

GA#-# map identification number corresponds with location on attached maps

Growing Area 1 – Upper Narragansett Bay

GA1-3 All waters north and west of a line extending from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker on a pole located on Conimicut Point, to the intersection of two lines (a line extending from the DEM marker at Conimicut Point to the extension of Sam Gorton Avenue in Warwick and a line extending east of the extension of Whipple Avenue in Warwick) marked by a DEM buoy to the DEM range marker on a pole located at the extension of Whipple Avenue in Warwick including Old Mill Creek in its entirety.
(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 flagpole at 178 Adams Point Road on Adams Point in Barrington 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.

Growing Area 3 – East Middle Bay
Bristol Harbor

GA3-1 Bristol Harbor, east of a line from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker located on pole # 20 Poppasquash Road at the northernmost extension 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 Rhode Island

Department of Environmental Management 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)

East Middle Bay

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 the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker at Carr Point northwesterly to the southeastern most point of Dyer Island Portsmouth.

GA3-6 All waters of Barker Brook (a.k.a. Bloody Brook) in Portsmouth east of a line from the most southeastern landward corner of the Carnegie Abbey dock located to the north of the mouth and the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker located approximately 250 feet south of the mouth of the brook.

GA3-7 All waters of Nag Pond on Prudence Island.

Growing Area 4 – Sakonnet River

GA4-1 That portion of the “Cove” in Portsmouth south of a line from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker located on 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 from the most north-western corner to the north-eastern most corner of the abutments of the former railroad bridge between Portsmouth and Tiverton and north of a line extending from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management painted marker on the south-western most corner of the Stone Bridge in Tiverton to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker at 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 Nanaquaket Pond, north of the northern side of Rt. 77 (Main Road) in Tiverton.

GA4-6 All waters of Almy’s Brook, the Mary C. Donovan Marsh and the tidally influenced waters of Nonquit Pond south of the dam located at Pond Bridge Road on the eastern shore of Little Compton and 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-approximately 900 feet 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 rock jetty formerly known as the Blue Gold Pier opposite Vigilant Street in Middletown, to nun buoy “22”.

East Passage and Newport Harbor

GA6-2 The waters of the East Passage and Newport Harbor encompassed by a line from the northwest corner of the concrete bulkhead at Fort Adams State Park to the Rose Island light, a line from the Rose Island light to the southern tip of Gould Island, along the western shoreline of Gould Island including the waters within 500 feet of the entire shoreline of Gould Island and the Firing Pier at the US Navy torpedo testing station, a line from 500 feet north of the Firing Pier at the US Navy torpedo testing station on Gould Island to the northwest corner of the rock jetty formerly known as the Blue and Gold Pier, located approximately 800 feet north of Greene Lane in Portsmouth. *Closure GA6-2 includes all waters within 500 feet of the entire shoreline of Gould Island and the US Navy Torpedo Testing Station piers.*

Jamestown Harbor Area

GA6-3 The waters on the east shore of Jamestown, in the vicinity of Jamestown Harbor, East Ferry and Taylor Point, west of a line from Bull Point in Jamestown to the house on the rocks located in The Dumplings to Bell Buoy F1 (2 +1) G6s and south of an intersecting line from the northern most tip of Taylor Point to Bell Buoy F1 (2 +1) G6s.

East Passage Cranston Cove

GA6-5 The waters of Cranston Cove on the eastern shoreline in Jamestown, south and west of a line from the most southeastern in water structure of CRMC dock # 771 located offshore of 530 East Shore Road, to the most northeastern in water structure of CRMC dock # 1924 located offshore of 486 East Shore Road, including all waters bounded by said docks to the north and south.

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 marker on Big Rock Point to the most southeast corner of the dock at the Wickford Yacht Club, 165 Pleasant St. to a Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker on the most southern point of Cornelius Island, and west of a line from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker at the most western point of Cornelius Island to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker on 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 a 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 Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management 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.

GA7-7 Fox Hill Pond in its entirety.

GA7-8 All waters of Sheffield Cove in Jamestown south of a line from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker located at the western extension of Maple Avenue to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker located at the northernmost point of land on the opposite western shore at the “entrance” to the cove.
(See also: the seasonal closure (GA7-5) under Jamestown area)

GA7-9 Duck Cove in its entirety.

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

GA8-1 All waters of Greenwich Bay in the area of Apponaug Cove including all waters north and west of a line from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker located on the NECO Pole #6 at the end of Neptune Street in Chepiwanoxet to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker located at the northwest tip of Cedar Tree Point in Nausauket including Apponaug Cove, the northwest corner of Greenwich Bay, and Mary’s Pond and Thatch Cove (so called) south of Arnold’s Neck.
(See also: the conditional closure 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 northerly point of Long Point to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker located on the southerly point of Chepiwanoxet.
(See also: the conditional closure under Greenwich Bay)

Brush Neck Cove and Buttonwoods Cove

GA8-3 All waters of Brush Neck Cove and Buttonwoods Cove north of a line from the easternmost point of Buttonwoods Neck to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker on Pole #35 at the western extension of Strand Avenue at Oakland Beach.
(See also: the conditional closure 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 closure under Greenwich Bay)

Baker Creek

GA8-6 All waters of Baker Creek, including tidal ponds, north or inland of the Greenwich Bay shoreline extending from approximately the extension of Capron Farm Drive westward to the extension of Nausauket Road in the Nausauket section of Warwick.
(See also: the conditional closure 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 Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker on the southeastern most extremity of Calf Pasture Point, to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker on 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 bounded by a line running east from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker located on the fence adjacent to the north side of Pier #2 (the northerly Pier at Davisville depot) to the northeast corner of Pier #2, southeast to nun buoy "16", south to the intersection of lines running from the northeastern end of the bulkhead at Quonset State Airport to nun buoy “16” and a line running from nun buoy “12” to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker located on the bulkhead at approximately 300 feet south of Pier #1, then west from that intersection to 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).

GA9-3 Frys Pond in its entirety and all waters in so called Frys Cove west of a line from the most southern point of the wooden bulkhead at the southeast corner of the Quonset-Davisville Commerce Park to the inside north-west corner of the stone bulkhead containing the Quonset State Airport runways.

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

GA9-5 The waters of the Potowomut River west of a line from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker located on Marsh Point on the northern shoreline to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker located on Pojac Point on the southern shore.

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 northern most corner of the rip-rap bulkhead at the Briggs Farm Improvement Assoc. parking lot to the northeast landward end of CRMC dock # 1690 on the opposite shore.

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 directly to the south 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 breach way to the eastern 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 850 feet north of the state pier which is south of a line through red N "6" to a point 500 feet east of the shoreline.

GA10-7 Waters of Bluff Hill Cove in Point Judith Pond along the eastern side bounded by the following: a line from the most westerly point of land on Rye Point to the most easterly point of land on Frank Neck to the most easterly point of land on Ram Head to the extension of Sunset Boulevard in Narragansett on the easterly shoreline of Point Judith Pond.
(See also: the conditional closure under Point Judith Pond)

Growing Area 11NG –Ninigret and Green Hill Ponds

GA11NG-1 All waters of Ninigret Pond, east of a line from the southeastern landward end of the CRMC Permitted Dock ID# 1647 located at 2 Pequot Drive to the southwest tip of Heather Island, and then from the southwest tip of Heather Island to the Department of Environmental Management range marker located at #89 Potter Road, Charlestown, ***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 Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker on a pole (Latitude 41.3217º N, Longitude 71.8787º W) near the southeastern extremity of Sandy Point to a Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker on a pole (Latitude 41.3103º N, Longitude 71.8775º W) on the northern shoreline of Napatree Point, including all waters of the “Kitchen”, so called and those waters northeast of the southwest shoreline of Sandy Point to the state line. Harvesters should refer to the above latitudes and longitudes for the closure line if the range markers and or poles are no longer present.

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 the southeast extension of Tuckerman's Terrace in Middletown to the south-east extension of Narragansett Avenue in Newport meant to include "Forty Steps".

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 (approximately 41.3806º N, 71.4711º W).

GA14W-2 The waters in the vicinity of Tucker's Dock which are within 4,000 feet of the marine outfall sewer located at approximately 41.4212º N, 71.4526º 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 at approximately 41.1678º N, 71.5512º W, including Old Harbor in its entirety.

Growing Area 15 – Seekonk River

GA15-1 All waters of the Seekonk River and all its tributaries.

Growing Area 16 – Providence River

GA 16-1 All waters of the Providence River and its tributaries north of a line from the RIDEM range marker at Gaspee Point to the RIDEM range marker at the northernmost tip of the rock seawall on the opposite shore of Bullock Neck in East Providence.

GA16-2 All waters of Occupessatuxet Cove north and west of a line from the landward end of the CRMC permitted dock # 073 on the Warwick shoreline opposite #6 Meadow Road to Pole # 67 at 11 Namquid Drive on south Gaspee Point in Warwick.

GA16–3 All waters north and east of a line from the northern most tip of the rock seawall on the west shore of Bullock Neck to the center of the Old Tower at Nayatt Point.
(note: see GA16-4 and GA1-1 for additional closure areas in the Upper Narragansett Bay extension of the Providence River.)

Growing Area 17 – Mt. Hope Bay

GA17-2 All waters of Mount Hope Bay north and east of the Mt. Hope Bridge and south and east of a line from the eastern landward side of the Mt. Hope Bay bridge abutment at Bristol Point to the Buoy "R4" channel marker located on the southerly side of the Mount Hope Bay channel and all waters (including Spar Island) south and east of a line running from the intersection of two lines (a line from the stone jetty located at Toweset Point, aka Touisset Point, in Warren to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker located on Common Fence Point in Portsmouth, and a line from the DEM Annawamscutt boat ramp to Borden Flats Lighthouse in Fall River) eastward to the RI-MA state line.

Seasonal (Conditional) Closures

Seasonal (Conditional) Closures of the following recreational boating areas begin at sunrise of the Saturday immediately prior to Memorial Day and end 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.

Marina and Mooring Seasonal Closures

The areas identified below and on the attached maps are seasonally closed and include all waters within 25 feet of any in-water structure for docking vessels (e.g. dock, piling, floating dock, etc.). These waters shall be closed to shellfish harvesting beginning at sunrise of the Saturday immediately prior to Memorial Day and ending at sunrise of the Tuesday immediately following Columbus Day. The specific marina and mooring facilities are listed below by growing area.

Growing Area 3 – East Middle Bay

Bristol Harbor

GA3-2 Bristol Harbor, west of a line from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker located on pole # 20 Poppasquash Rd. at the northernmost extension 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 the CRMC Permitted Dock # 419 located at 163 Poppasquash Road to the most north-western corner of the Rockwell Pier municipal parking lot in 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 to the southeast landward corner of the State of Rhode Island dock at the southern entrance to Potter Cove on the east shore of Prudence Island.

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

All waters within 25 feet of any in water structure for docking vessels (e.g. dock, piling, floating dock, etc.) at the following marina facilities:

GA ID	Marina Facility Name (As Currently Known)	Town	Water Body	Latitude	Longitude
GA5-S1	Senn's Marina	Warren (Touisset)	Kickemuit River	41° 42.07860' N	71° 14.55900' W

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 except those waters of Sheffield Cove south of a line from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker located at the western extension of Maple Avenue to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker located on the northernmost point of land on the opposite western shore at the "entrance" to the cove including those waters of Fox Hill Pond. (see also prohibited areas 7-7 and 7-8)

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 and east of a line from the marker at Big Rock Point to the most southeast corner of the dock at the Wickford Yacht Club, 165 Pleasant St. to a Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker on the most southern point of Cornelius Island, and east of a line from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker at the most western point of Cornelius Island to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker on the southern extremity of Calf Neck, including Wickford and Mill Coves and their tributaries.

Growing Area 10 - Point Judith and Potters Ponds

All waters within 25 feet of any in water structure for docking vessels (e.g. dock, piling, floating dock, etc.) at the following marina facilities:

GA ID	Marina Facility Name (As Currently Known)	Town	Water Body	Latitude	Longitude
GA10PJ-S1	Champlin Cove/Palm Beach Ave	Narragansett	Point Judith Pond	41° 24.37990' N	71° 29.50326' W
GA10PJ-S2	Harbor Island Improvement Assn.	Narragansett	Point Judith Pond	41° 24.59210' N	71° 29.90400' W
GA10PP-S1	Shoreline Realty	South Kingstown	Potters Pond	41° 23.07584' N	71° 31.62642' W
GA10PP-S2	Goodwins	South Kingstown	Potters Pond Channel	41° 23.13362' N	71° 31.22372' W
GA10PP-S3	Chappell	South Kingstown	Potters Pond	41° 23.18826' N	71° 31.69925' W

Growing Area 11NG – Ninigret – Green Hill Pond

All waters within 25 feet of any in water structure for docking vessels (e.g. dock, piling, floating dock, etc.) at the following marina facilities:

GA ID	Marina Facility Name (As Currently Known)	Town	Latitude	Longitude
GA11NG-S1	Lavins	Charlestown	41° 21.53767' N	-71° 41.34456' W
GA11NG-S2	Ocean House Marina	Charlestown	41° 22.88361' N	-71° 38.65055' W
GA11NG-S3	Fort Neck Association	Charlestown	41° 22.85334' N	-71° 38.98532' W
GA11NG-S4	Tockwotten Cove Assn	Charlestown	41° 22.30230' N	-71° 38.23214' W
GA11NG-S5	Pond Shore	Charlestown	41° 22.17024' N	-71° 38.50134' W

Growing Area 11QW – Quonochontaug and Winnapaug Ponds

All waters within 25 feet of any in-water structure for docking vessels (e.g. dock, piling, floating dock, etc.) at the following marina facilities:

GA ID	Marina Facility Name (As Currently Known)	Town	Latitude	Longitude
GA11W-S1	Weekapaug Fire District	Westerly	41° 19.97837' N	-71° 45.84465' W

Growing Area 13 – Block Island

GA13-1 Closure "A": <u>In effect at sunrise of the Saturday immediately prior to Memorial Day through sunrise of the last Saturday in June</u> - 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.

Closure "B": <u>In effect at sunrise of the last Saturday in June through sunrise of the third Monday in September</u> - 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.

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Closure "C": <u>In effect at sunrise of the third Monday in September through sunrise of the Tuesday immediately following Columbus Day</u> - 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 401-466-3204.

Growing Area 14E – Offshore Point Judith (Narragansett) to Westport

All waters within 25 feet of any in water structure for docking vessels (e.g. dock, piling, floating dock, etc.) at the following marina facilities:

GA ID	Marina Facility Name (As Currently Known)	Town	Latitude	Longitude
GA14E-S1	Fort Wetherill "The Basin"	Jamestown	41° 28.7466' N	-71° 21.4458' W

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 conditional shellfish areas can be obtained at any time by phoning the Department of Environmental Management 'Shellfish Hotline' at 401-222-2900.

Growing Area 1 – Upper Narragansett Bay

GA1-1 <u>Upper Narragansett Bay Conditional Area A:</u>
All waters north of a line from the southeast corner of the Rocky Point jetty in Warwick to the southwest corner of the Colt State Park pier in Bristol and south of a line from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker at Jacobs Point in Warren, to the flag pole at #178 Adams Point Road on Adams Point in Barrington, and south of a line from the center of the Old Tower at Nayatt Point, to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker on a pole located on Conimicut Point, and east and south of a line extending from that range marker on Conimicut Point, to the intersection of two lines (a line extending from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker at Conimicut Point to the extension of Sam Gorton Avenue in Warwick, and a line extending east of the extension of Whipple Avenue in Warwick) marked by a DEM buoy, to the DEM range marker on a pole located at the extension of Whipple Avenue in Warwick.

Growing Area 5 – Kickemuit River
Kickemuit River and Mount Hope Bay vicinity

GA5-4 All waters of the Kickemuit River and Mt. Hope Bay south of a line from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management 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, and north and west of a line from the eastern landward side of the Mt Hope Bay bridge abutment at Bristol Point to the Buoy "R4" channel marker located on the southerly side of the Mount Hope Bay channel, that intersects with a line from the stone jetty located on approximately 120 feet south of the extension of North Street on Touisset Point in Warren to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker located on Common Fence Point in Portsmouth.

(See also 17-1 for that portion of the conditional closure included in the GA17 Mt Hope Bay Growing Area.)

Growing Area 8 – Greenwich Bay

GA8-5 Greenwich Bay Conditional Area: The waters of Greenwich Bay, north and west of a line extending from the eastern extremity of Sandy Point in Warwick to the flag pole located at the Warwick Country Club on Warwick Neck, ***excluding*** the waters of Apponaug Cove (described in closure GA8-1), Baker Creek (described in closure 8-6), Brushneck and Buttonwoods Coves (described in closure 8-3), Warwick Cove (described in closure 8-4), and Greenwich Cove (described in closure GA8-2).

Growing Area 10 – Point Judith and Potters Ponds

GA10-8 All waters of Pt. Judith Pond and Wheatfield Cove north of a line from the light pole located on Turner Point (so called “Senior Hill”) on Camp Fuller Road on the western shore of Pt Judith Pond in South Kingstown to the extension of the CRMC R.O.W. C-12 near the intersection of Isle Point Rd and Cedar Island Rd on Harbour Island in Narragansett and south of 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.

GA10-9 All waters of Pt. Judith Pond east of Ram Island located south and east of a line from the extension of Flintstone Road on Harbour Island in Narragansett that follows the old submerged road to Ram Island and south of a line from the northern most corner of the rip-rap bulkhead at the Briggs Farm Improvement Assoc. parking lot to the northeast landward end of CRMC dock # 1690 on the opposite shore and north of a line from the most southeast point of Ram Island to the end of Indian Rock Farm Road at the northern tip of Locke Point in Narragansett including Walcott Cove.

Growing Area 16 – Providence River

GA16-4 Lower Providence River Conditional Area:
All waters of the Lower Providence River bounded by a line from the Department of Environmental Management range marker on a pole located on Conimicut Point to the center of the Old Tower at Nayatt Point to the RIDEM range marker on the northern most tip of the rock seawall on the shoreline of Bullock Neck in East Providence to the RIDEM range marker on Gaspee Point, excluding all waters of Occupessatuxet Cove (GA16 - 2).

Growing Area 17 – Mount Hope Bay

GA17-1 All waters of Mount Hope Bay north and east of the Mt. Hope Bridge and north and west of a line from the eastern landward side of the Mt Hope Bay bridge abutment at Bristol Point to the Buoy “R4” channel marker located on the southerly side of the Mount Hope Bay channel and all waters north and west of a line running from the intersection of two lines (a line from the stone jetty located at Toweset Point, aka Touisset Point, in Warren to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management range marker located on Common Fence Point in Portsmouth, and a line from the DEM Annawamscutt boat ramp to Borden Flats Lighthouse in Fall River) including the entirety of the shoreline of Touisset Point from the Kickemuit River (Growing Area 5-4) north and east to the RI-MA state line.

Management Rules

***Note: In addition to the water quality shellfish closures described in this document, certain fisheries management rules apply to shellfish harvesting. Specific dates and hours for commercial and recreational harvesting of <u>all</u> shellfish have been established. For information regarding fishery management restrictions, call the Division of Marine Fisheries at (401) 423-1923, Monday through Friday.**



5/12/2026
Date

Appended to this document is a tabulated list by closure classification ID (GA#-#) for each of the reference points described in the classification descriptions.

Shellfishing Classification Map Guide for Individual Growing Area (GA) Maps May 2026

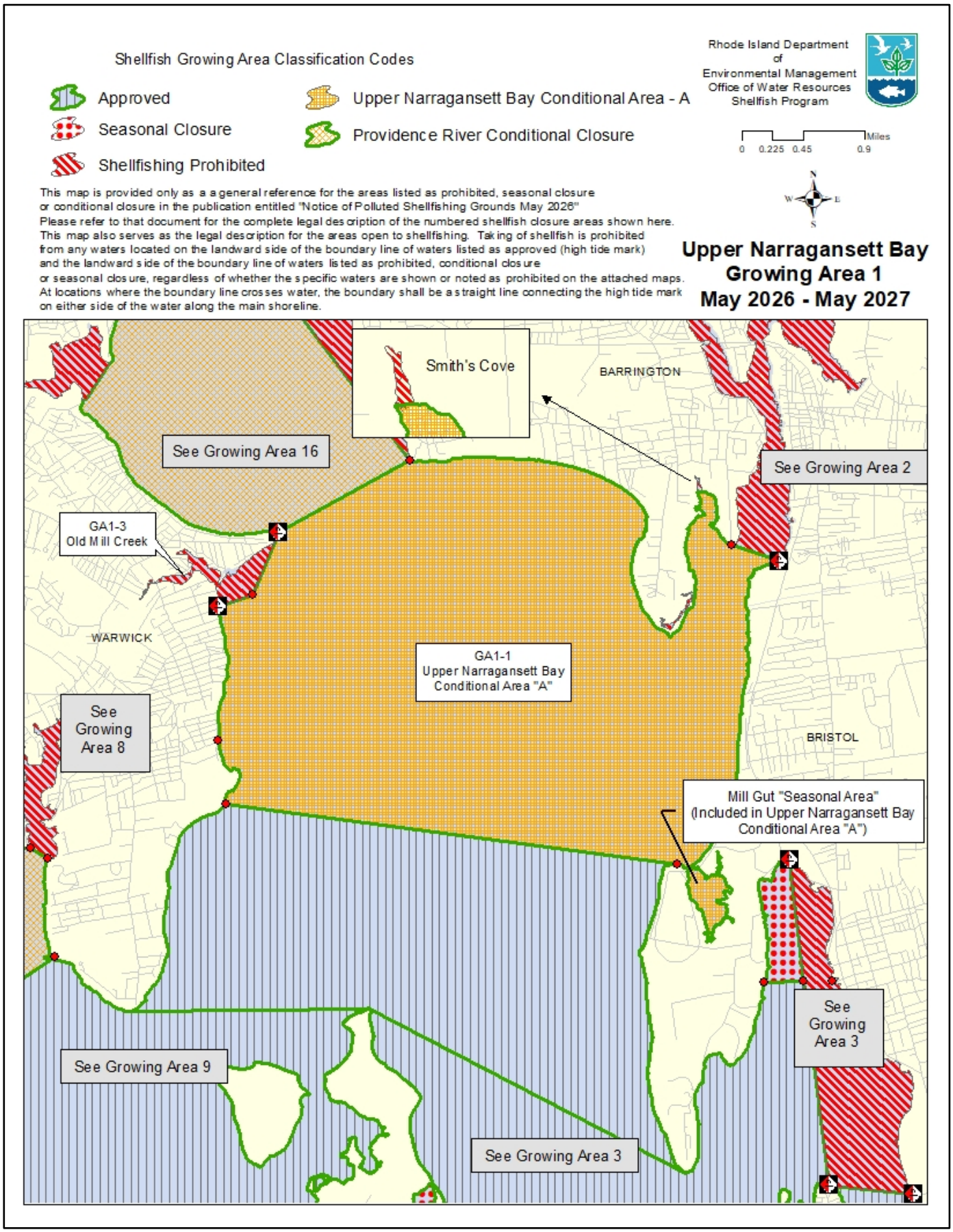
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The attached maps include a green line that depicts the legal description of the boundary (high tide mark) of the waters where the taking of shellfish is prohibited from any waters located on the landward side of the boundary (high tide mark) regardless of whether the specific waters are shown or noted as prohibited on the attached maps. All 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.

The maps include red dot and range marker symbols. The red dots illustrate points of reference and intersections of lines described in the growing area classifications. Points marked with a range marker symbol are actual range marker signs located in the growing area. The absence or condition of a range marker does not release the harvester from complying with harvesting restrictions described in the legal written description. *For reference purposes, latitude and longitude of each of these points are presented in Appendix 1*.

RI Shellfish Harvest Restrictions




Shellfish Growing Area Classification Codes
Approved
Seasonal Closure
Shellfishing Prohibited
Upper Narragansett Bay Conditional Area - A
Providence River Conditional Closure
Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management Office of Water Resources Shellfish Program
0 0.225 0.45 0.9 Miles
N
W E
S
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Upper Narragansett Bay Growing Area 1
May 2026 - May 2027
Smith's Cove
BARRINGTON
See Growing Area 16
See Growing Area 2
GA1-3 Old Mill Creek
WARWICK
GA1-1 Upper Narragansett Bay Conditional Area "A"
See Growing Area 8
BRISTOL
Mill Gut "Seasonal Area" (Included in Upper Narragansett Bay Conditional Area "A")
See Growing Area 3
See Growing Area 9
See Growing Area 3

Shellfish Growing Area Classification Codes

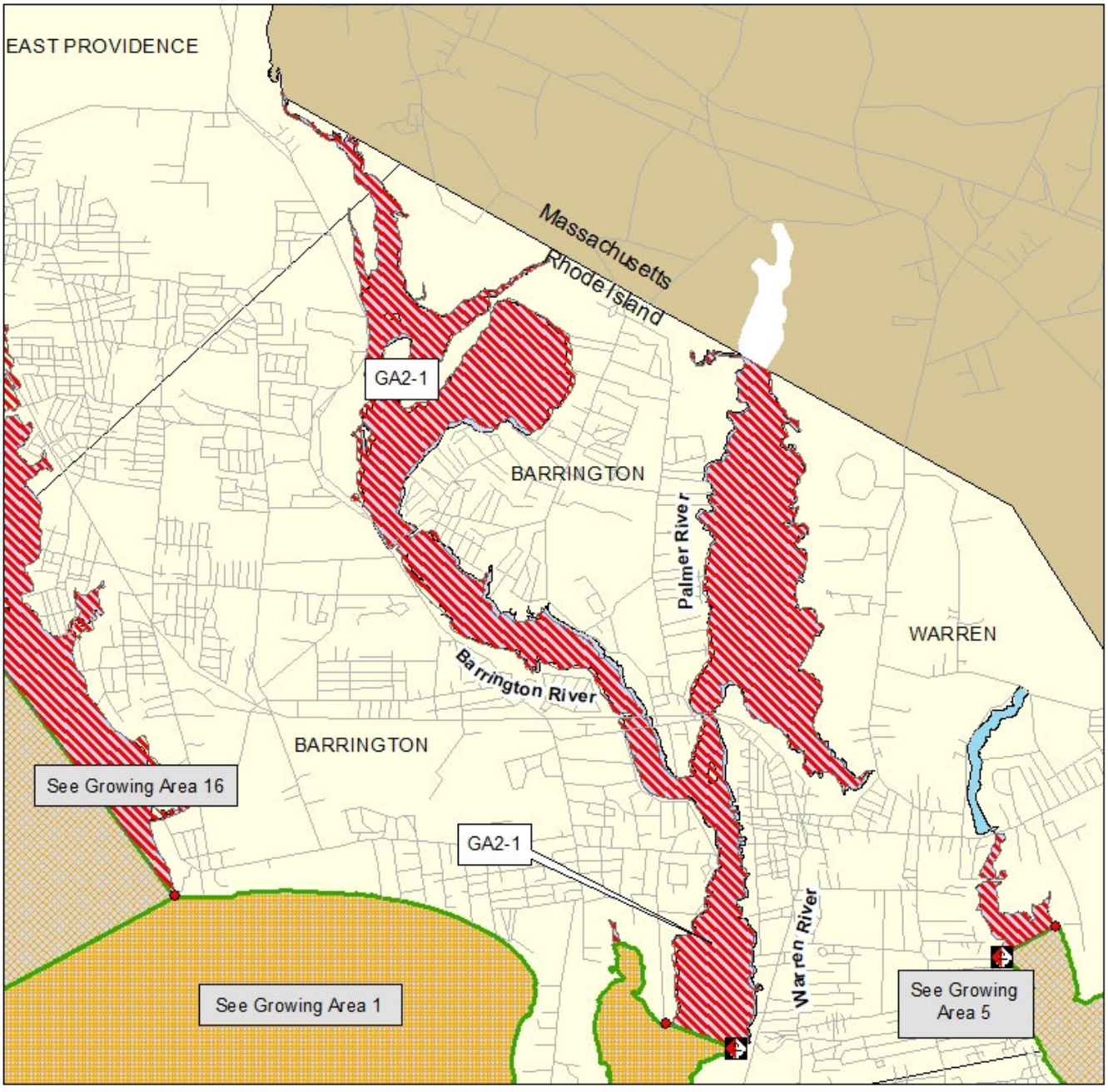
- Approved
- Seasonal Closure
- Shellfishing Prohibited
- Upper Narragansett Bay Conditional Area - A
- Conditional Closure

Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
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Shellfish Program

0 0.175 0.35 0.7 Miles

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Barrington, Palmer and Warren Rivers Growing Area 2 May 2026 - May 2027



Shellfish Growing Area Classification Codes

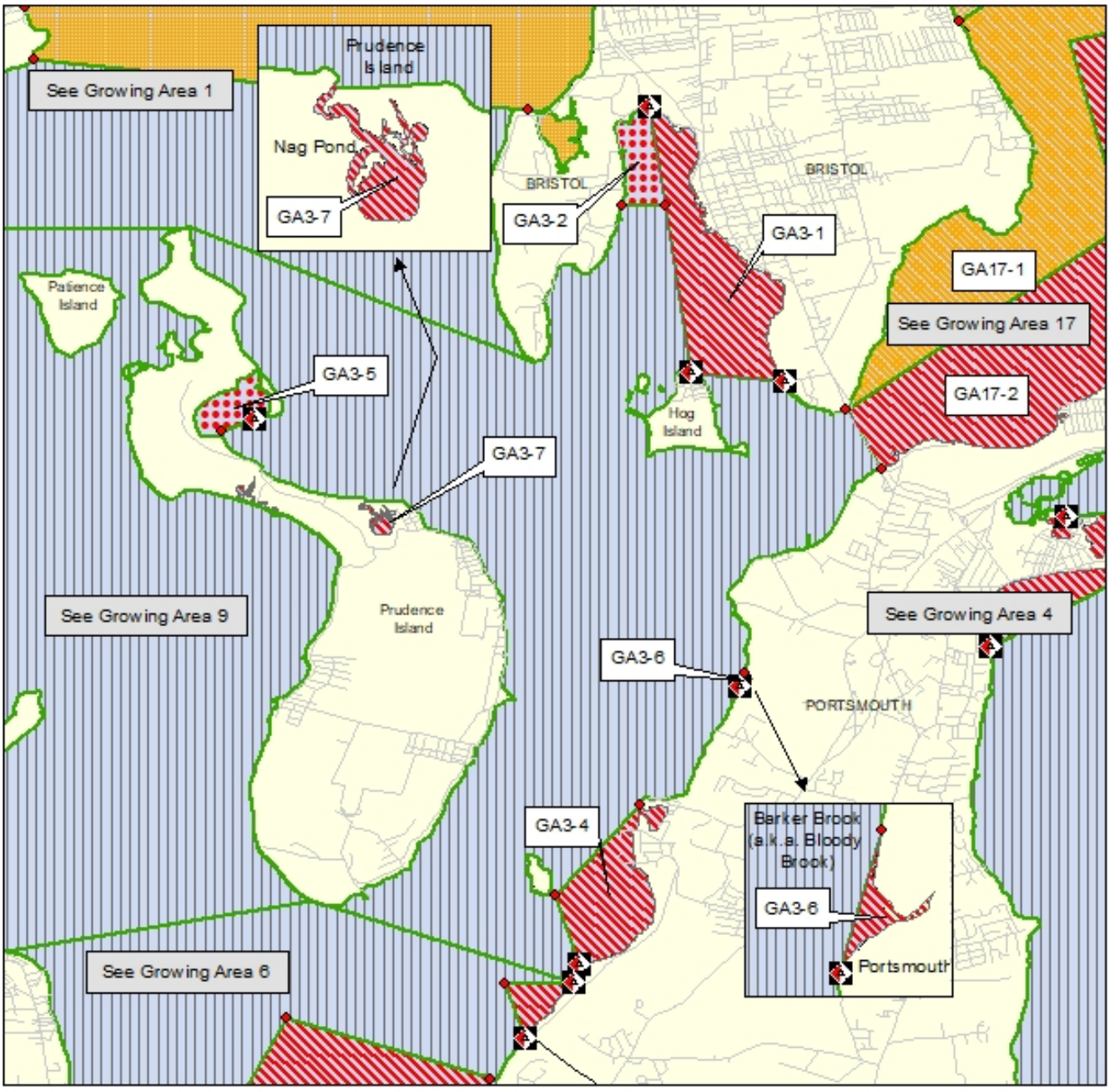
- Approved
- Seasonal Closure
- Shellfishing Prohibited
- Upper Narragansett Bay Conditional Area - A
- Conditional Closure

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East Middle Bay Growing Area 3 May 2026- May 2027



Shellfish Growing Area Classification Codes

Approved

Conditional Closure

Seasonal Closure

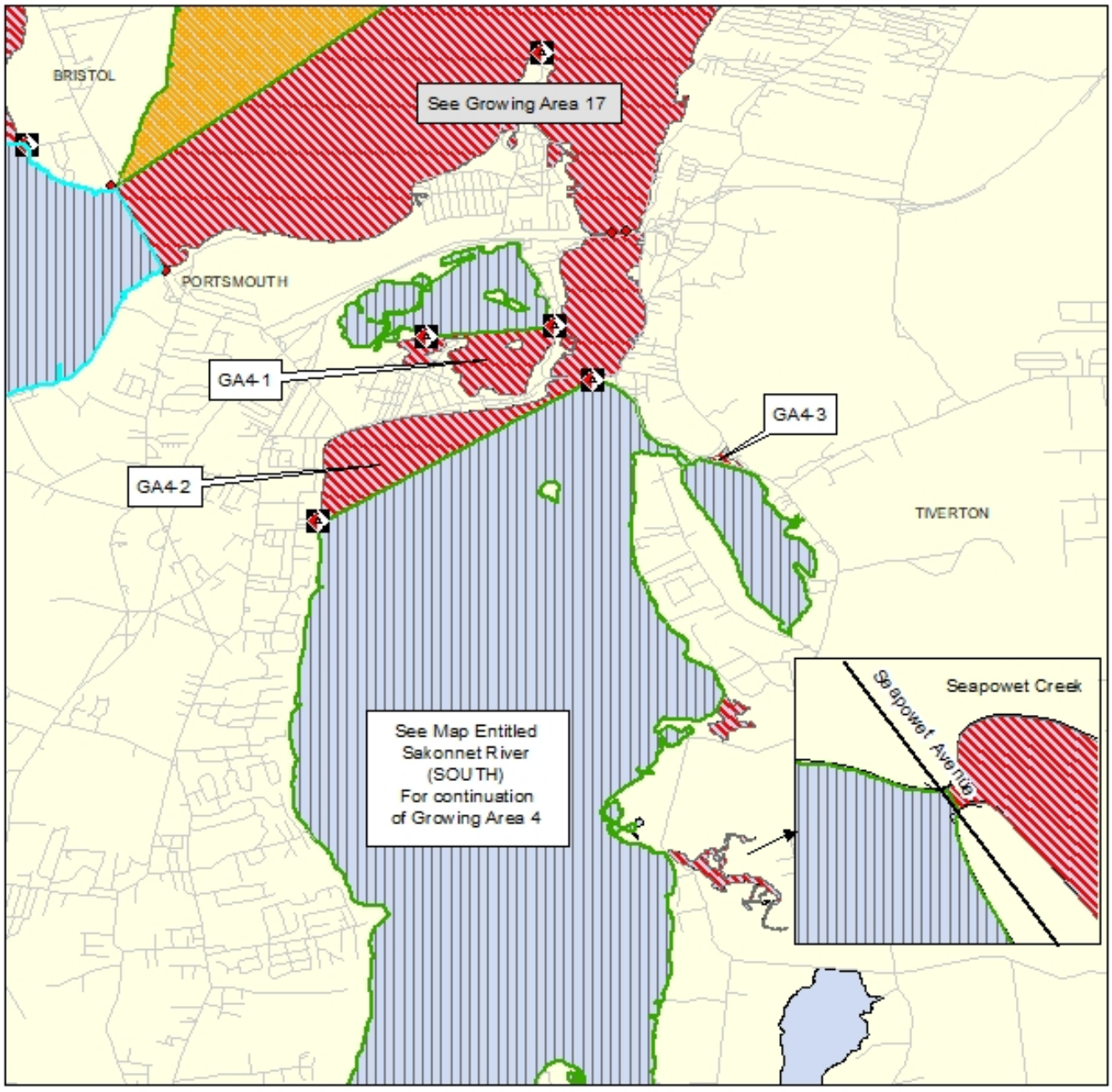
Shellfishing Prohibited

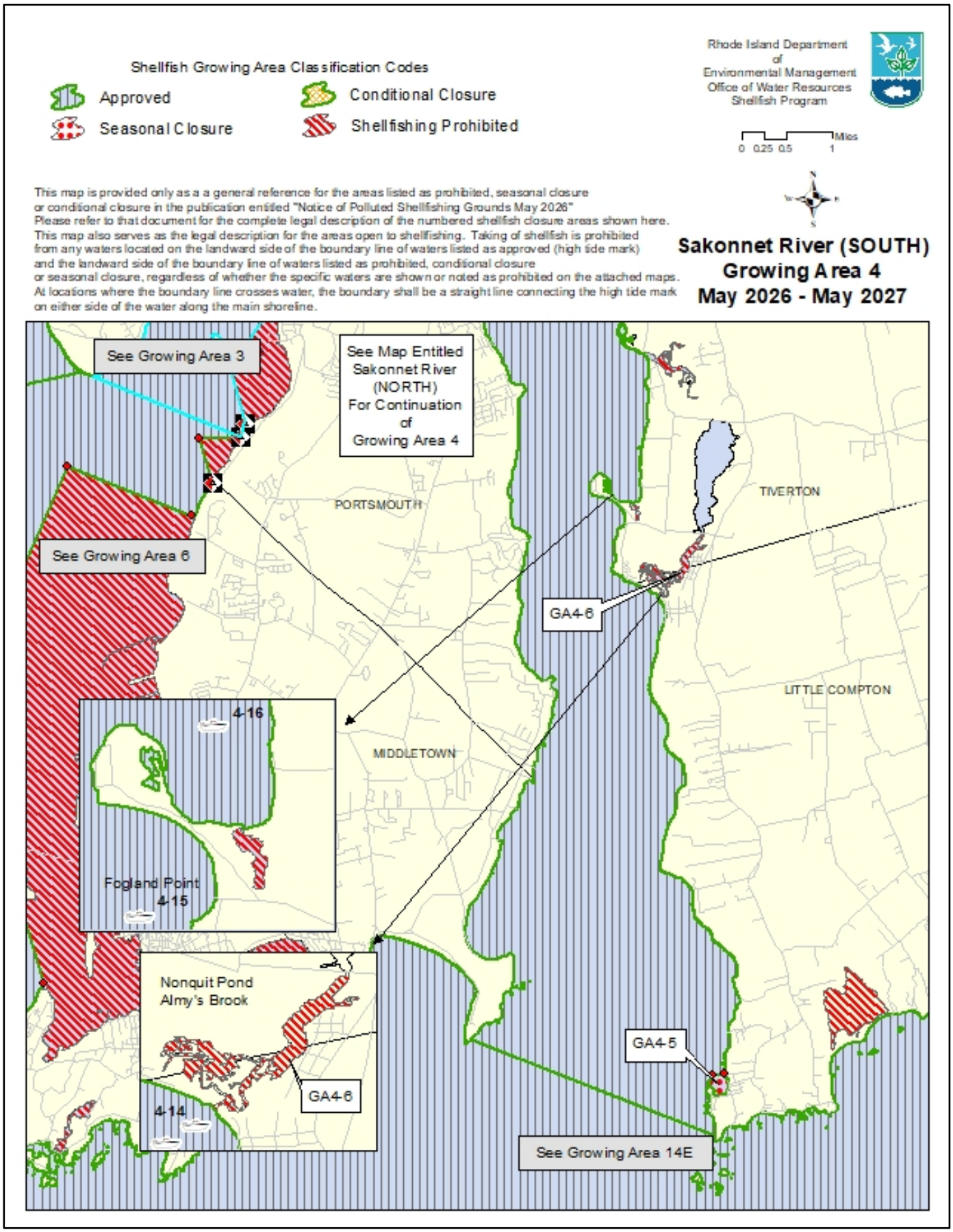
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Sakonnet River (NORTH)
Growing Area 4
May 2026- May 2027




Shellfish Growing Area Classification Codes
Approved
Conditional Closure
Seasonal Closure
Shellfishing Prohibited
Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management Office of Water Resources Shellfish Program
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Sakonnet River (SOUTH)
Growing Area 4
May 2026 - May 2027
See Growing Area 3
See Map Entitled Sakonnet River (NORTH) For Continuation of Growing Area 4
PORTSMOUTH
TIVERTON
See Growing Area 6
GA4-6
LITTLE COMPTON
4-16
MIDDLETOWN
Fogland Point
4-15
Nonquit Pond
Almy's Brook
GA4-6
GA4-5
4-14
See Growing Area 14E

Shellfish Growing Area Classification Codes

Approved

Shellfishing Prohibited

Conditional Closure

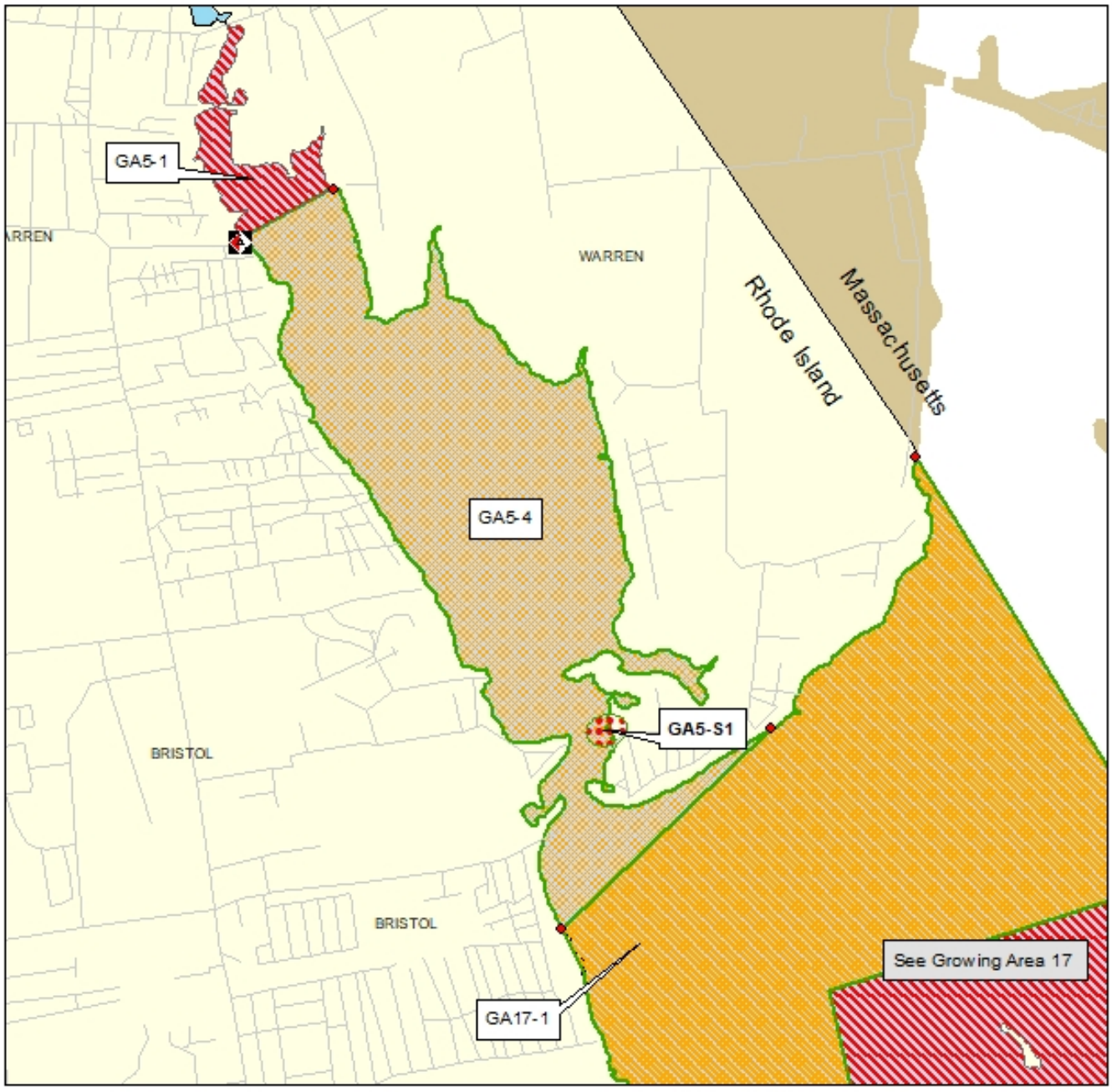
Marina Facility Seasonal Closure

Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
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Shellfish Program

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Kickemuit River Growing Area 5 May 2026 - May 2027



Shellfish Growing Area Classification Codes

Approved

Seasonal Closure

Shellfishing Prohibited

Conditional Closure

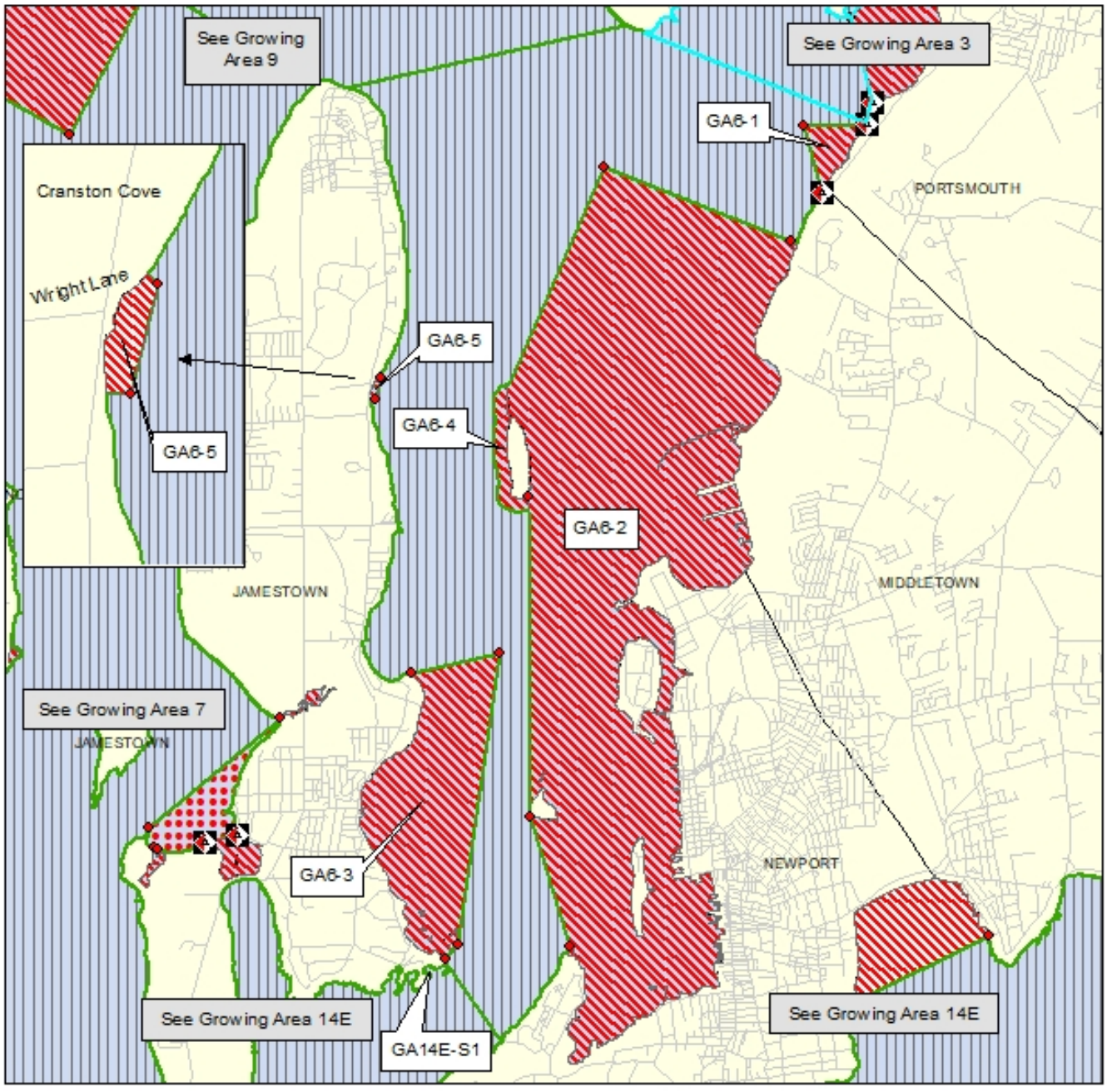
Marina Facility Seasonal Closure

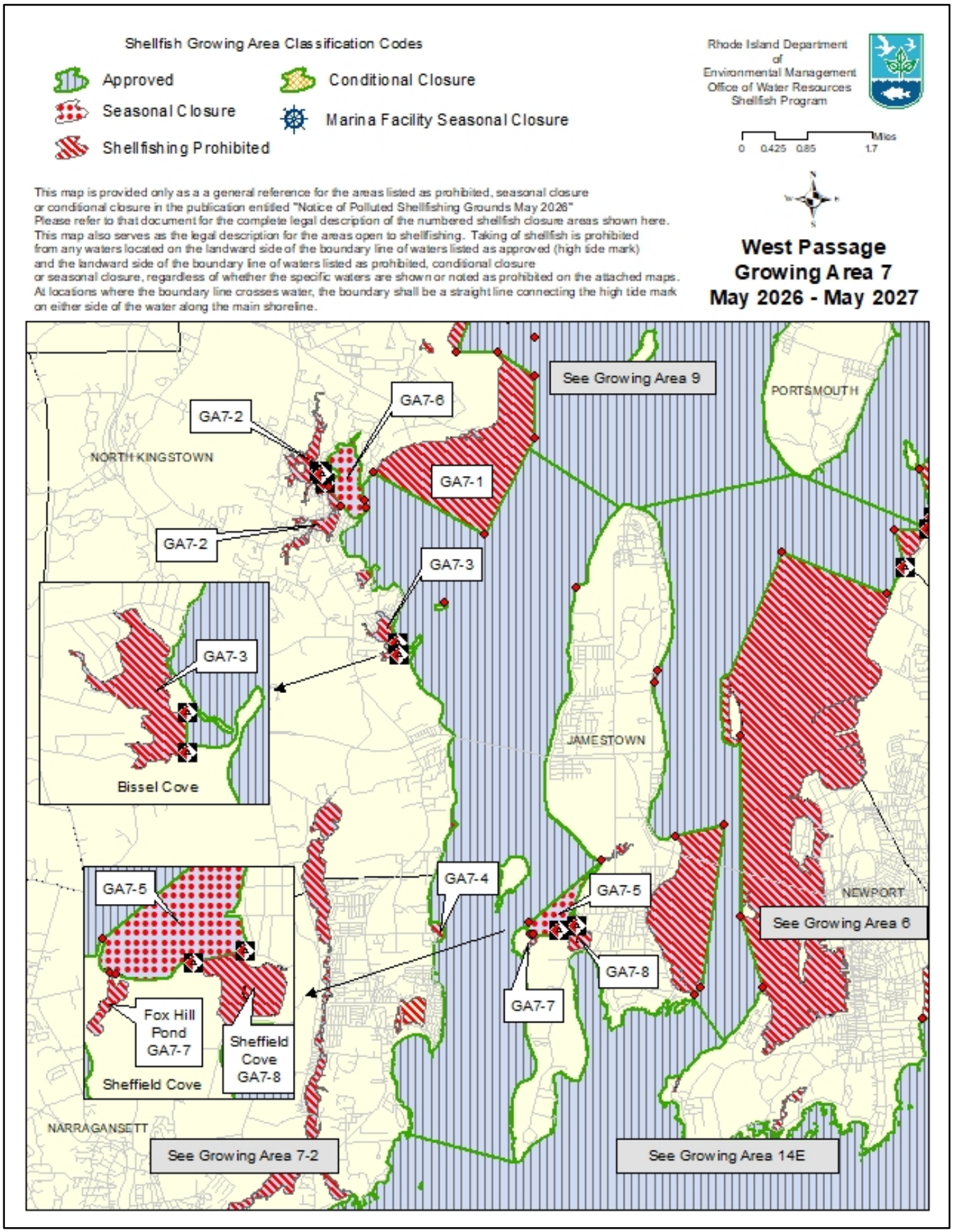
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East Passage Growing Area 6 May 2026 - May 2027




Shellfish Growing Area Classification Codes
Approved
Seasonal Closure
Shellfishing Prohibited
Conditional Closure
Marina Facility Seasonal Closure
Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management Office of Water Resources Shellfish Program
Miles
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West Passage
Growing Area 7
May 2026 - May 2027
See Growing Area 9
PORTSMOUTH
GA7-2
GA7-6
NORTH KINGSTOWN
GA7-1
GA7-2
GA7-3
GA7-3
Bissel Cove
JAMESTOWN
GA7-5
GA7-4
GA7-5
NEWPORT
See Growing Area 6
GA7-8
GA7-7
Fox Hill Pond GA7-7
Sheffield Cove GA7-8
Sheffield Cove
NARRAGANSETT
See Growing Area 7-2
See Growing Area 14E

Shellfish Growing Area Classification Codes

- Approved
- Conditional Closure
- Seasonal Closure
- Marina Facility Seasonal Closure
- Shellfishing Prohibited

Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
Office of Water Resources
Shellfish Program

0 0.225 0.45 0.9 Miles

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Pettaquamscutt River (Narrow River) Growing Area 7-2 May 2026 - May 2027



Shellfish Growing Area Classification Codes

Approved

Seasonal Closure

Shellfishing Prohibited

Conditional Closure

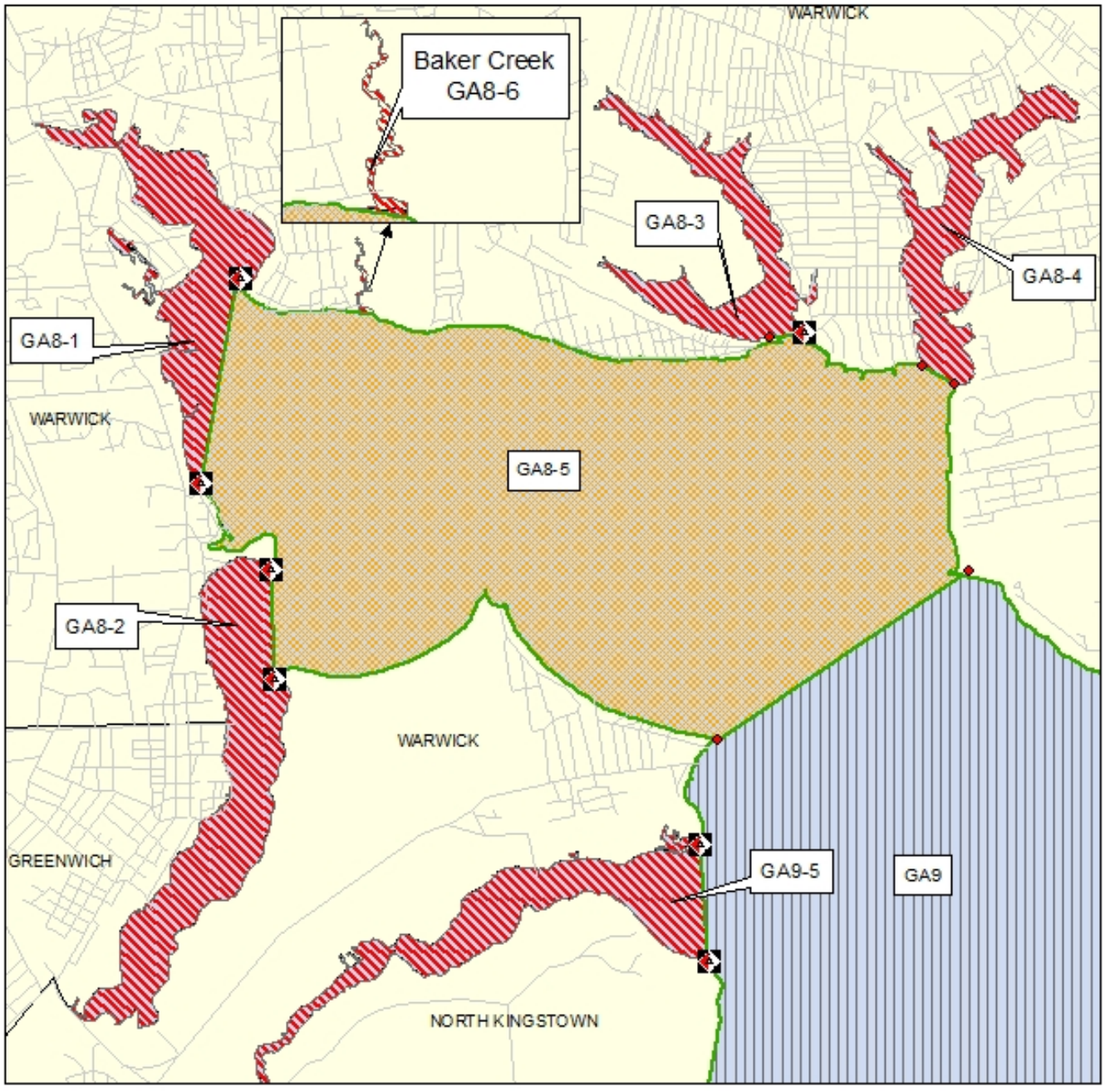
Marina Facility Seasonal Closure

Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
Office of Water Resources
Shellfish Program

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Greenwich Bay Growing Area 8 May 2026 - May 2027



Shellfish Growing Area Classification Codes

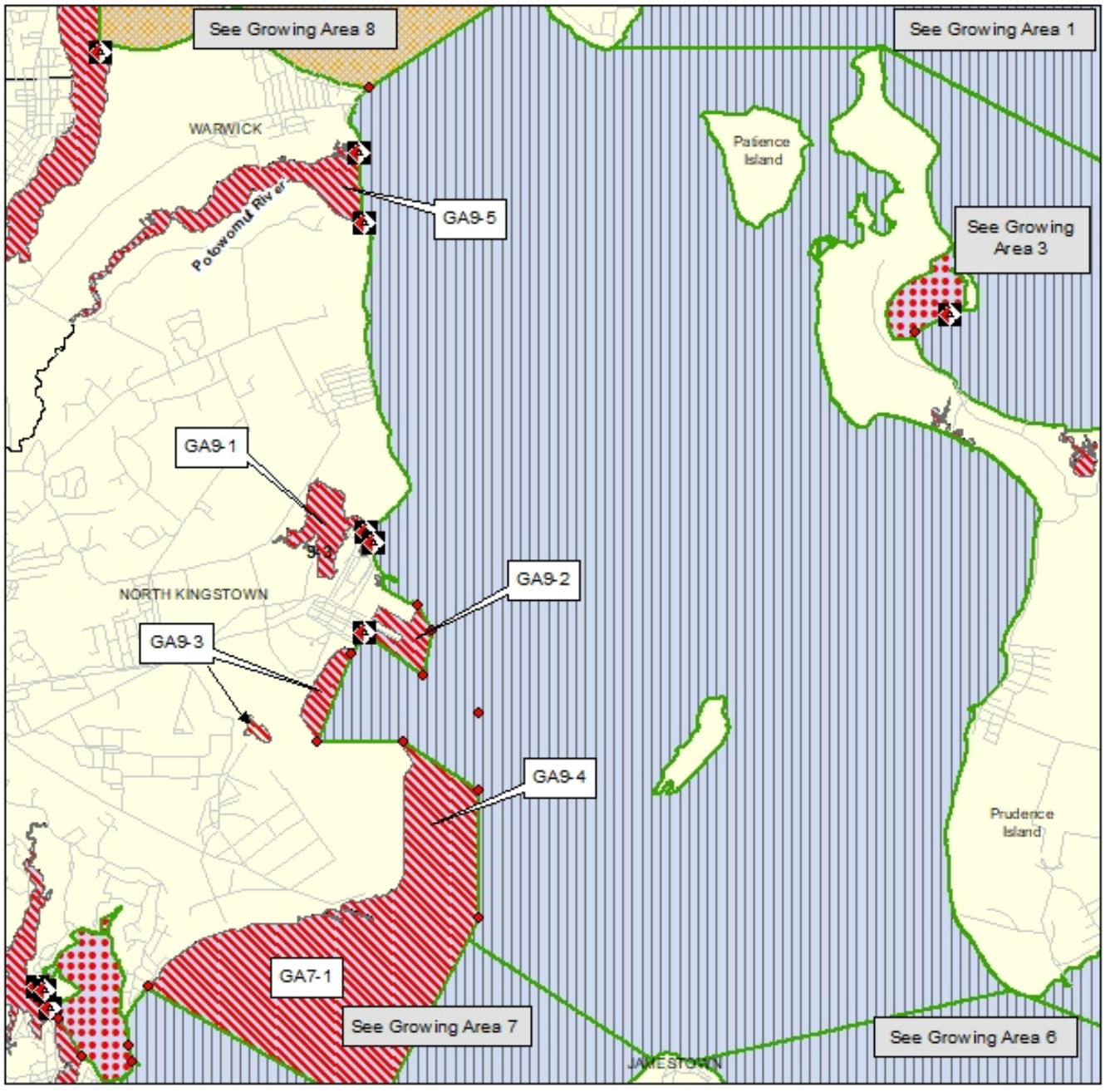
- Approved
- Seasonal Closure
- Shellfishing Prohibited
- Conditional Closure
- Marina Facility Seasonal Closure

Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
Office of Water Resources
Shellfish Program

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West Middle Bay Growing Area 9 May 2026 - May 2027



Shellfish Growing Area Classification Codes

Approved

Seasonal Closure

Shellfishing Prohibited

Conditional Closure

Marina Facility Seasonal Closure

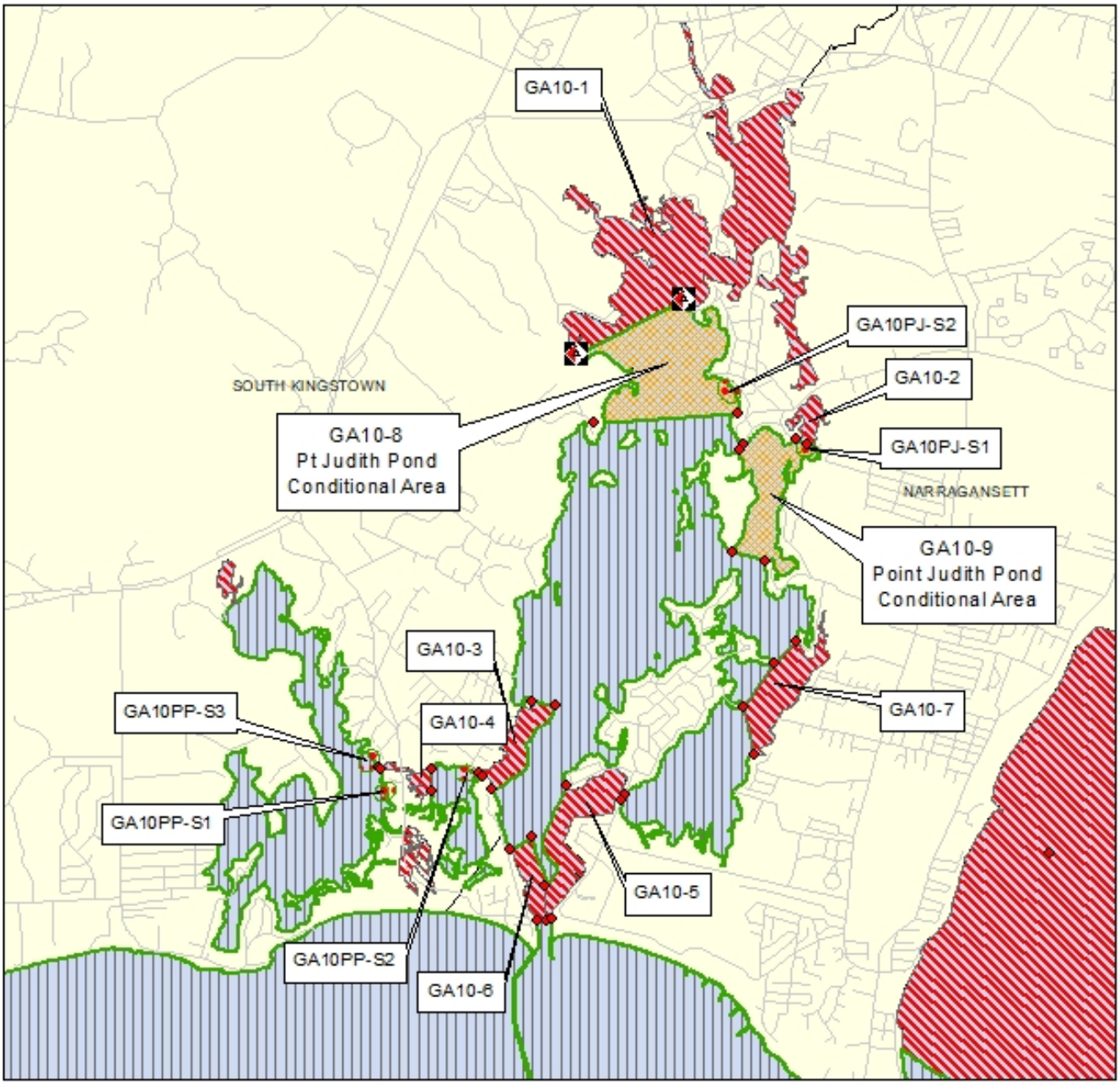
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Point Judith and Potters Ponds Growing Area 10 May 2026 - May 2027



Shellfish Growing Area Classification Codes

Approved

Conditional Closure

Seasonal Closure

Marina Facility Seasonal Closure

Shellfishing Prohibited

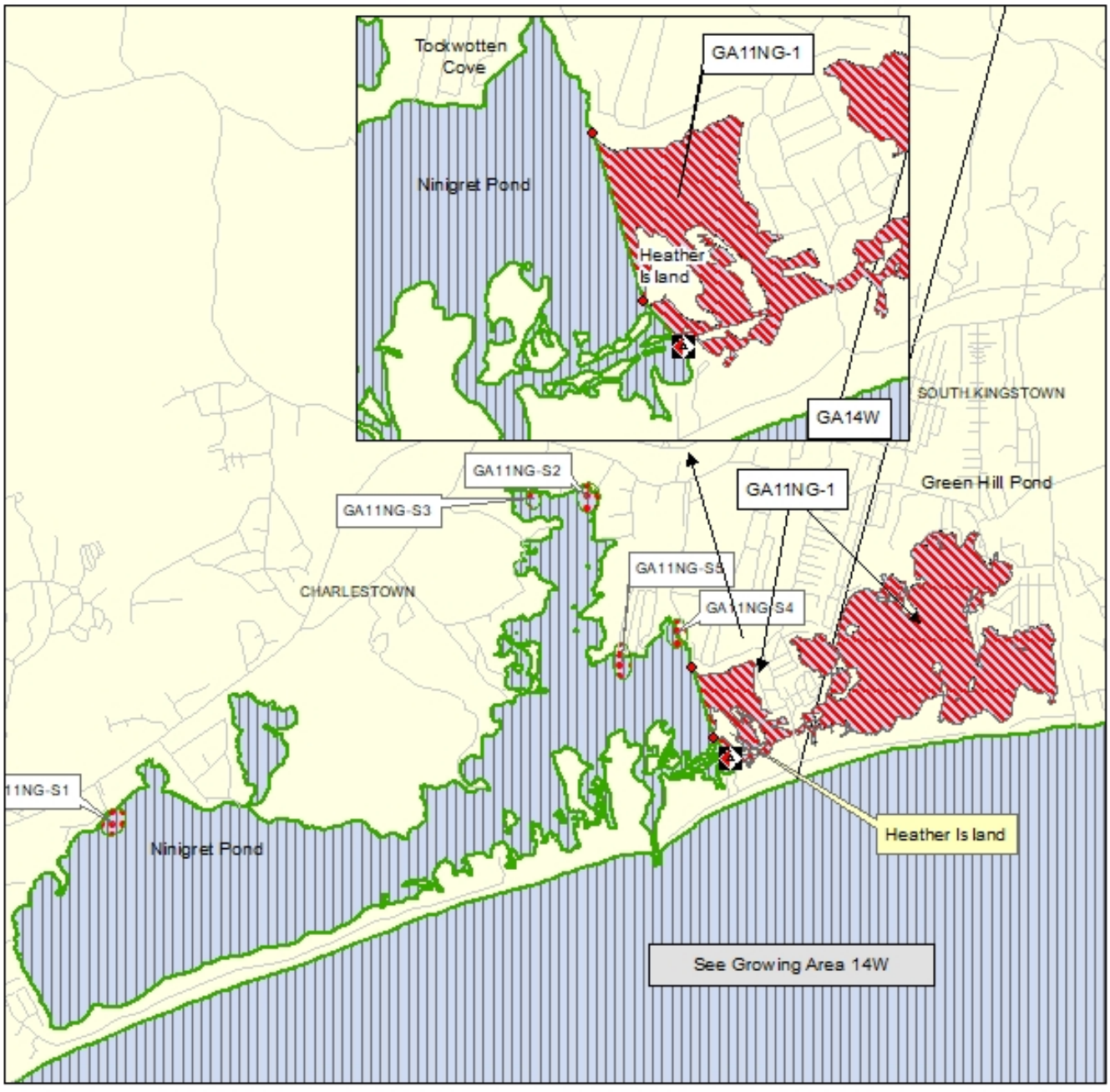
Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
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Ninigret and Green Hill Ponds Growing Area 11NG May 2026 - May 2027



Shellfish Growing Area Classification Codes

Approved

Conditional Closure

Seasonal Closure

Marina Facility Seasonal Closure

Shellfishing Prohibited

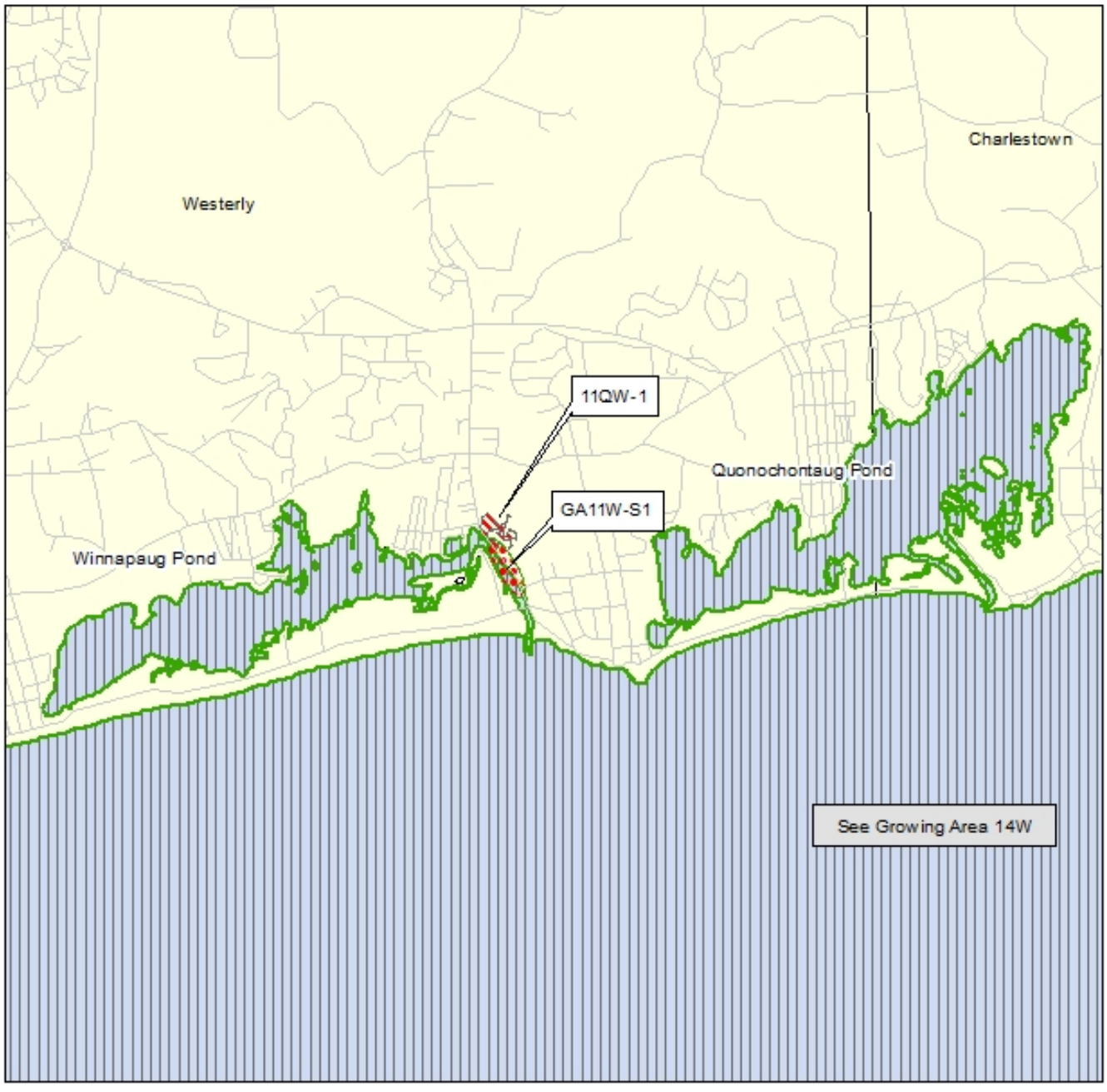
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Quonochontaug and Winnapaug Ponds Growing Area 11QW May 2026 - May 2027



Shellfish Growing Area Classification Codes

Approved

Conditional Closure

Seasonal Closure

Marina Facility Seasonal Closure

Shellfishing Prohibited

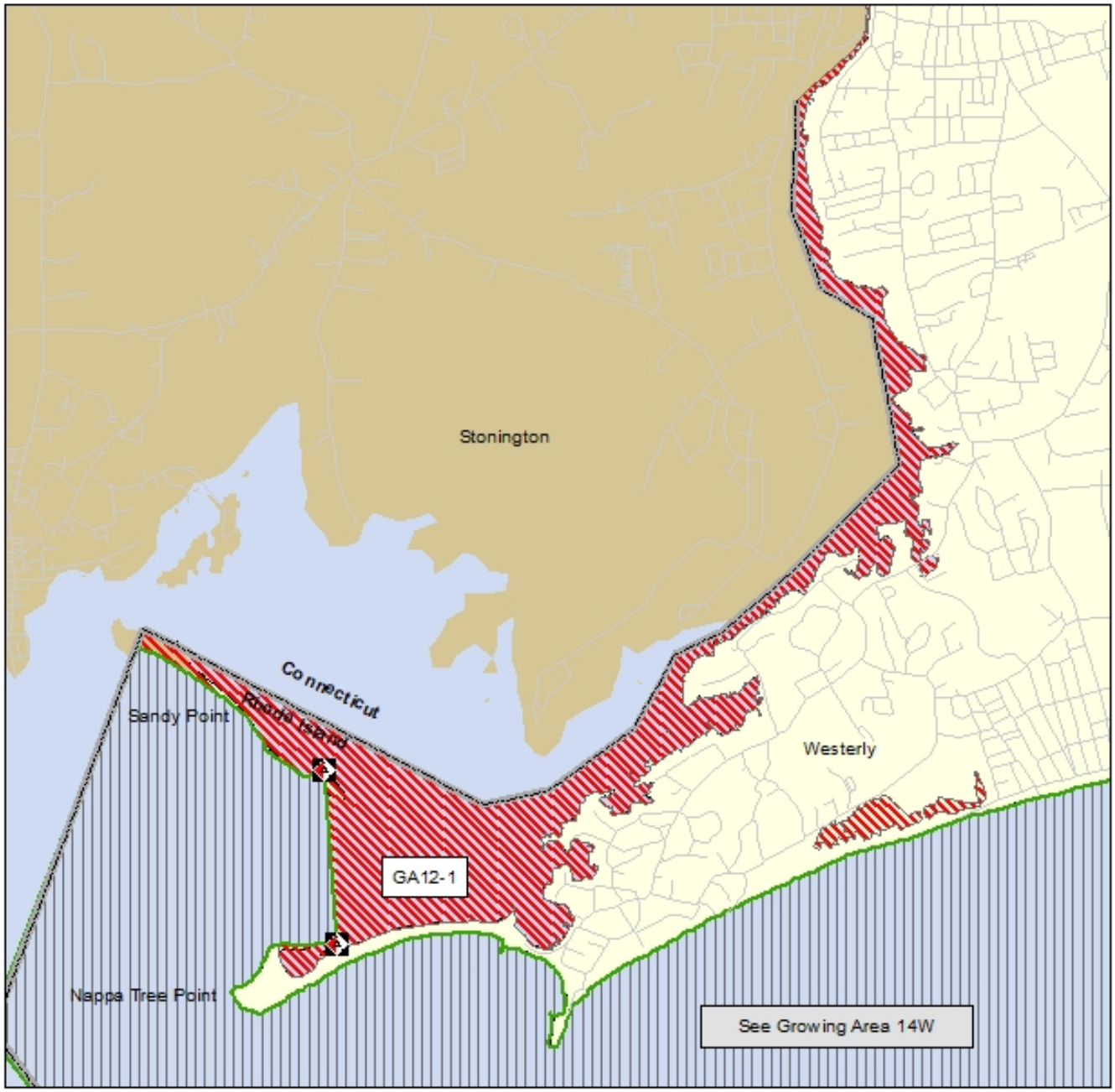
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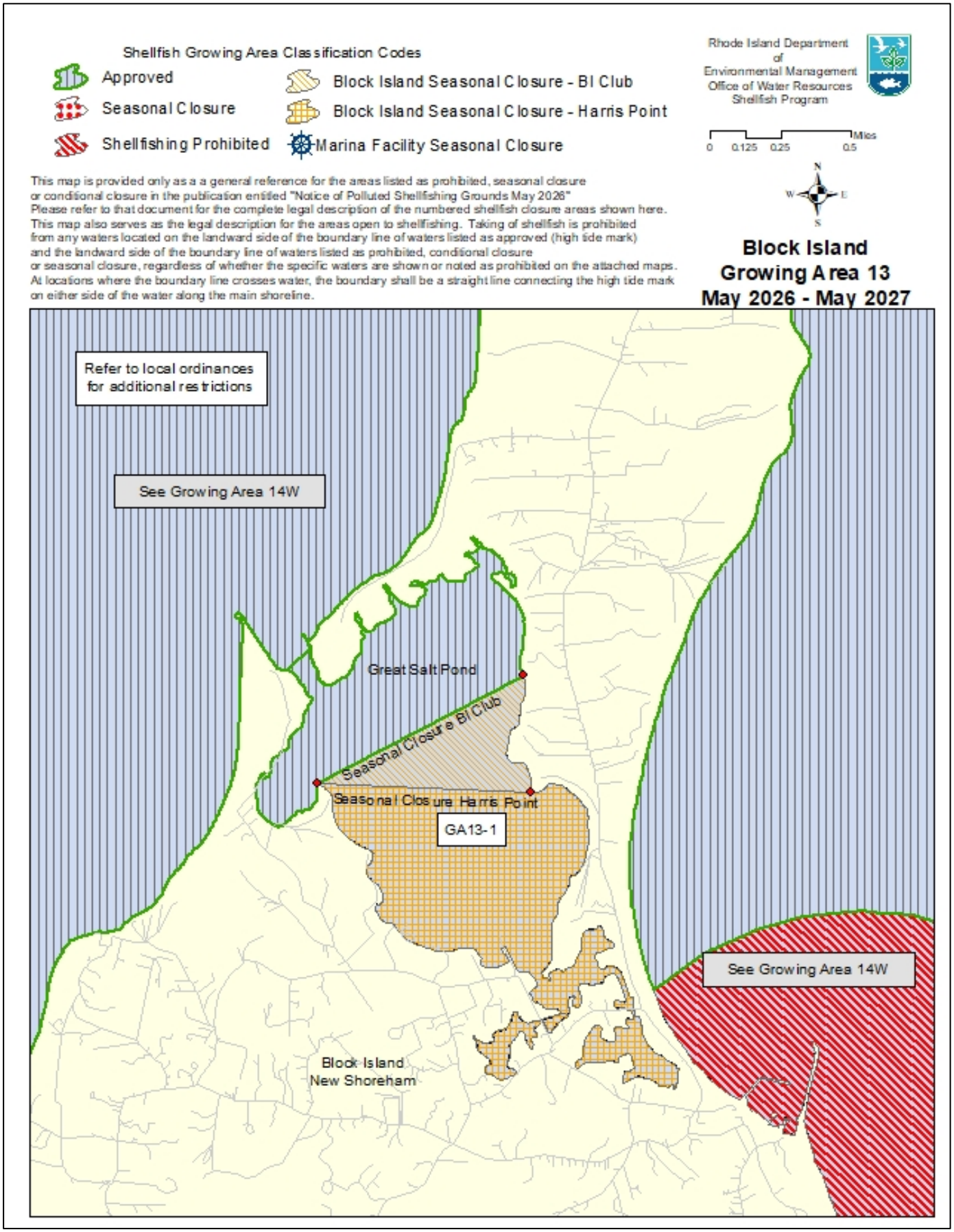
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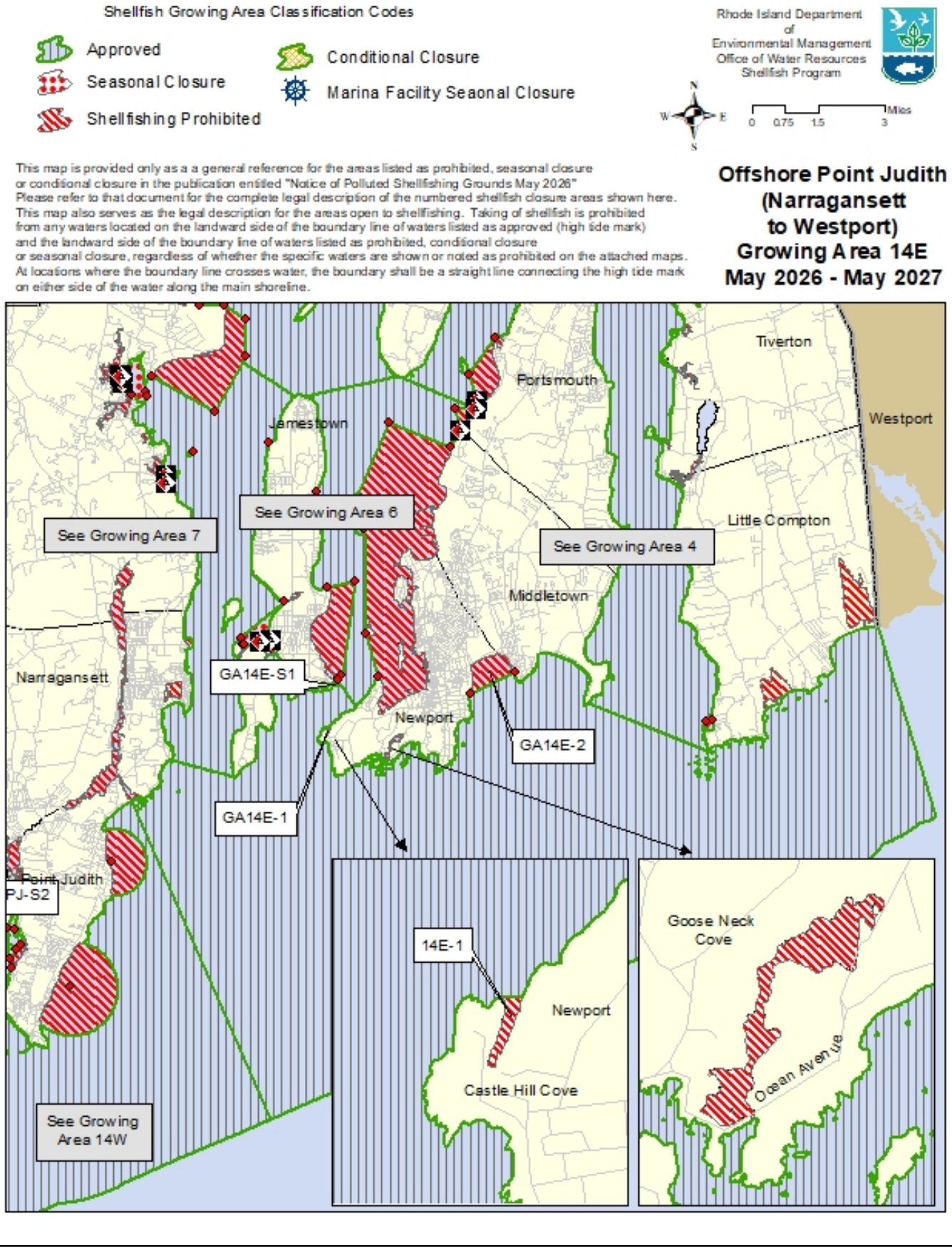
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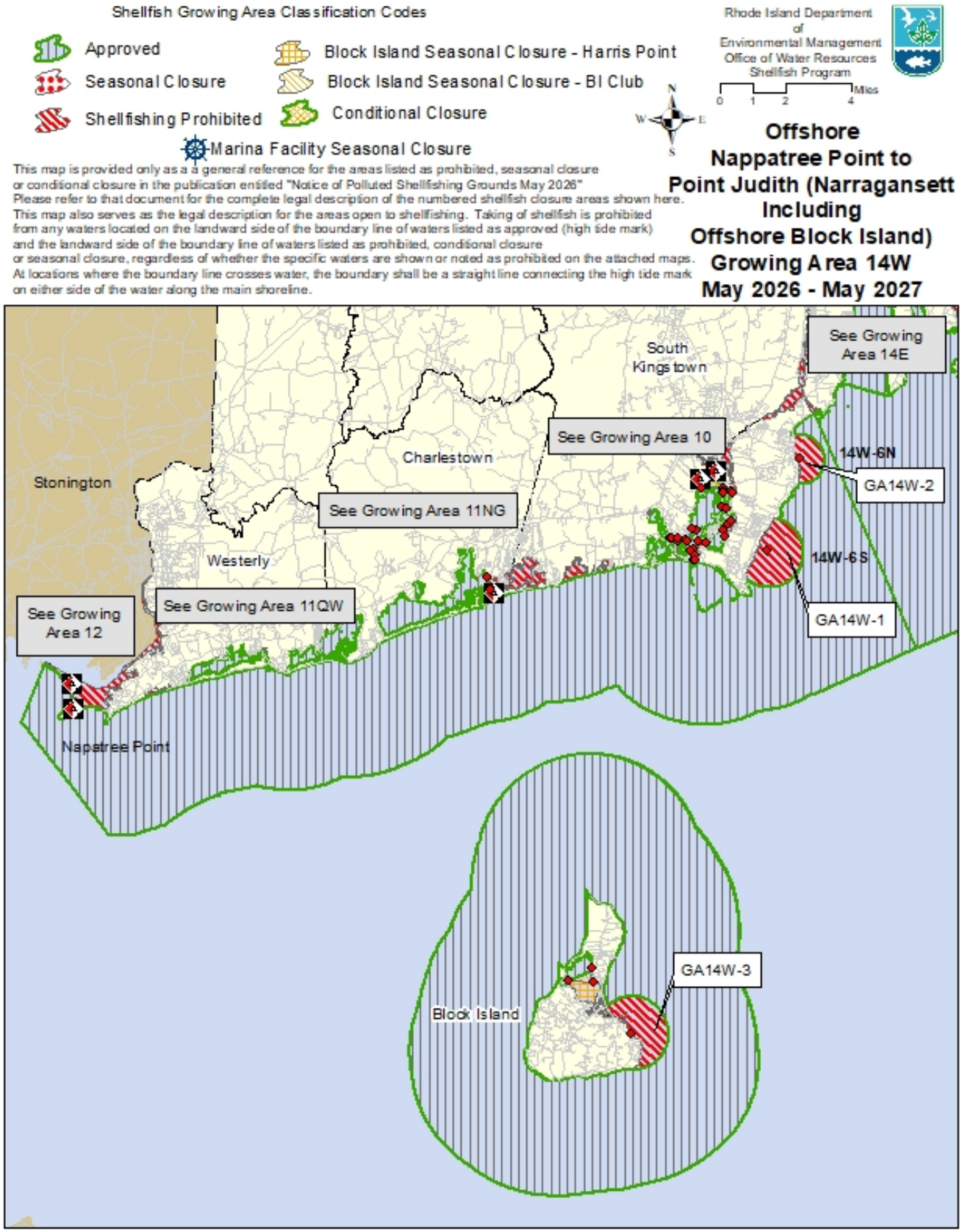
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Little Narragansett Bay
Growing Area 12
May 2026 - May 2027




Shellfish Growing Area Classification Codes
Approved
Seasonal Closure
Shellfishing Prohibited
Block Island Seasonal Closure - BI Club
Block Island Seasonal Closure - Harris Point
Marina Facility Seasonal Closure
Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management Office of Water Resources Shellfish Program
0 0.125 0.25 0.5 Miles
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Block Island
Growing Area 13
May 2026 - May 2027
Refer to local ordinances for additional restrictions
See Growing Area 14W
Great Salt Pond
Seasonal Closure BI Club
Seasonal Closure Harris Point
GA13-1
See Growing Area 14W
Block Island
New Shoreham


Shellfish Growing Area Classification Codes
Approved
Seasonal Closure
Shellfishing Prohibited
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Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management Office of Water Resources Shellfish Program
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Offshore Point Judith (Narragansett to Westport) Growing Area 14E May 2026 - May 2027
Tiverton
Portsmouth
Jamestown
Westport
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See Growing Area 7
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Little Compton
Middletown
Narragansett
GA14E-S1
Newport
GA14E-2
GA14E-1
Point Judith
PJ-S2
14E-1
Newport
Castle Hill Cove
Goose Neck Cove
Ocean Avenue
See Growing Area 14W


Shellfish Growing Area Classification Codes
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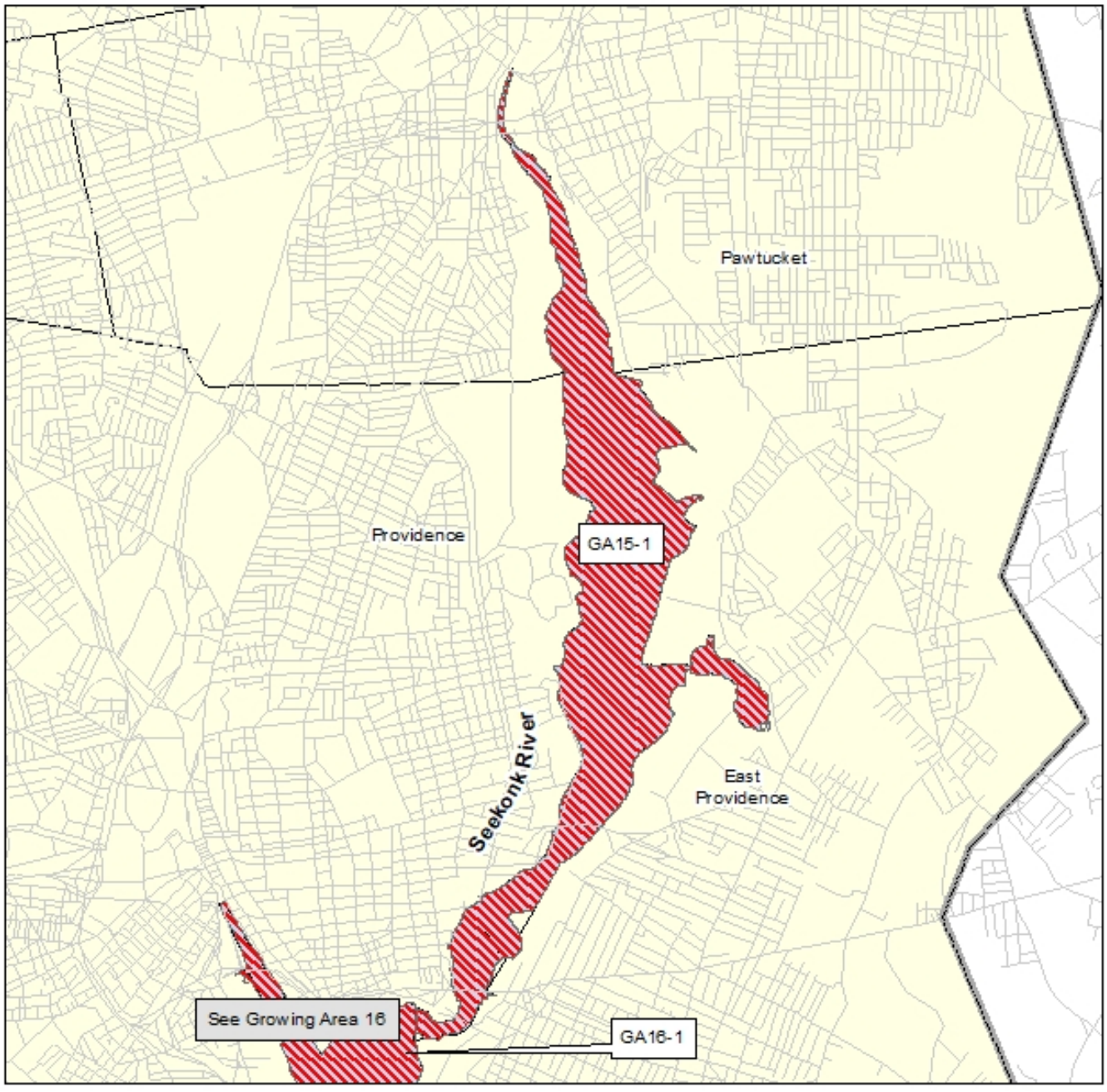
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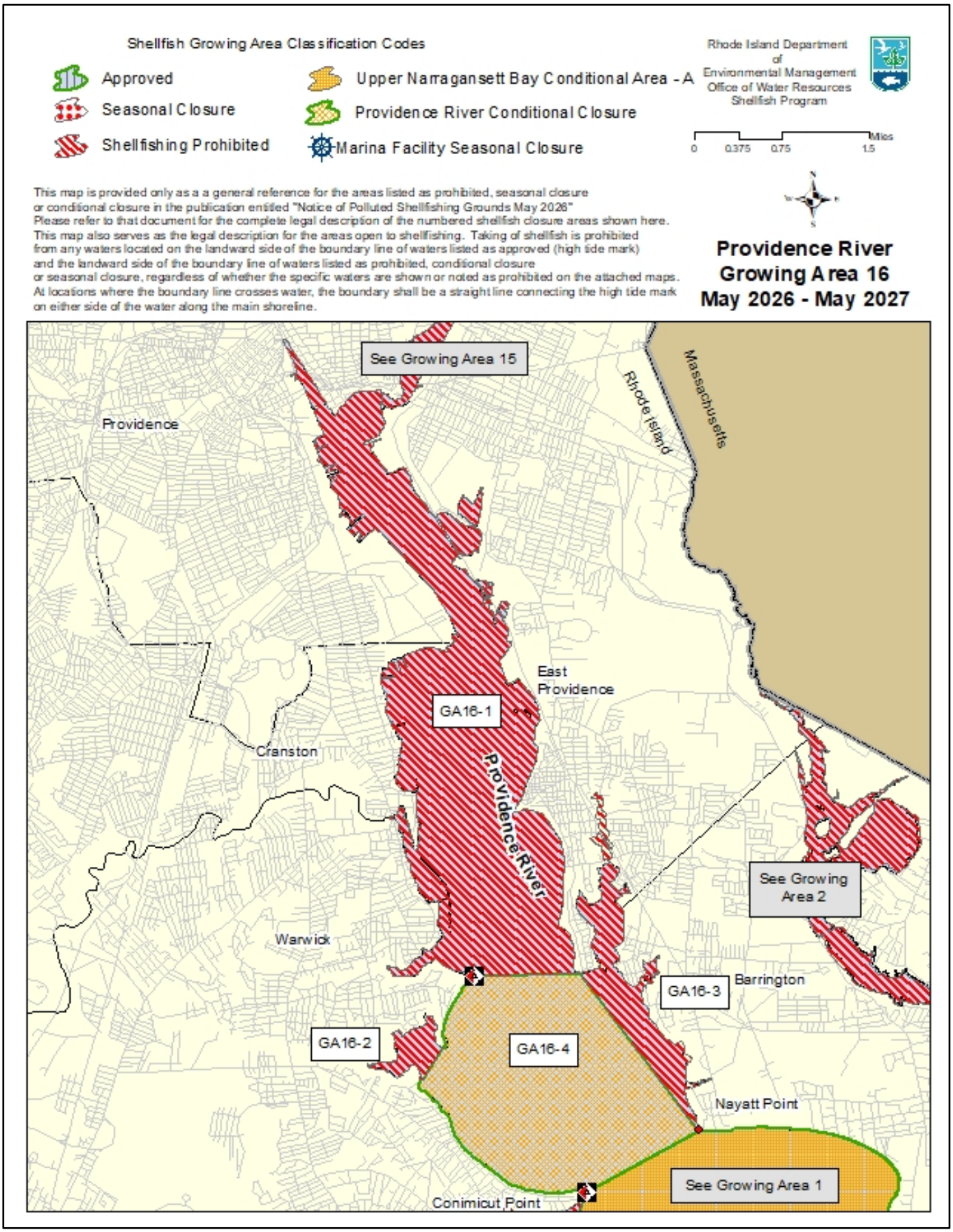
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Seekonk River Growing Area 15 May 2026- May 2027




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Barrington
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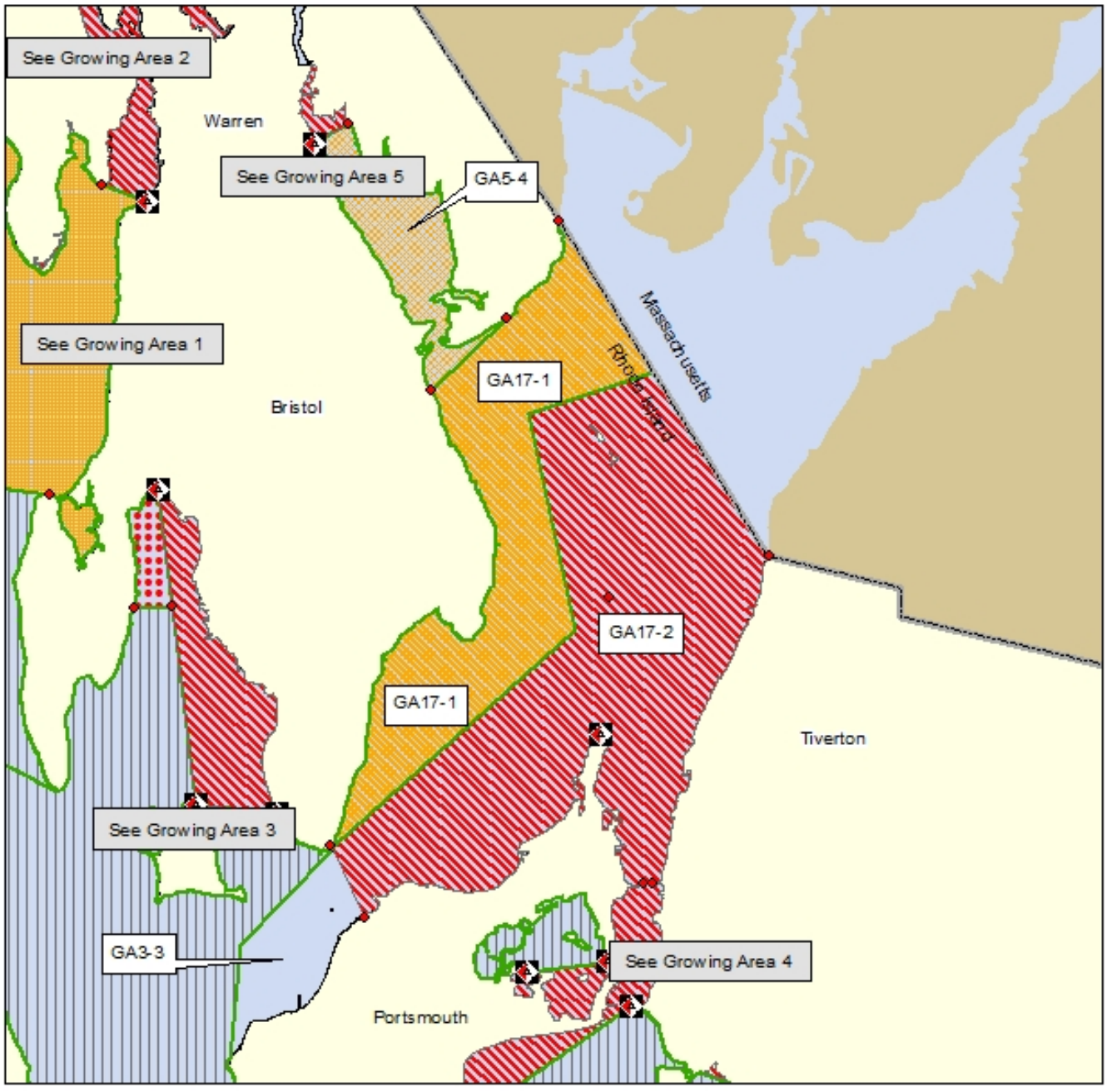
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Mt Hope Bay Growing Area 17 May 2026 - May 2027



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:

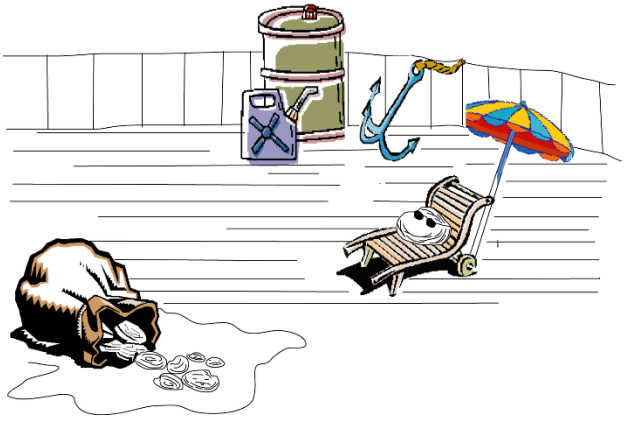
- Don't harvest from polluted waters. All harvesting is prohibited in closed areas.
- Don't discharge sewage into the water. Discharge from ANY vessel, commercial or recreational, into Rhode Island waters is prohibited.

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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Appendix 1
Shellfish Closure Classification Area Reference Points

The following table lists the points of reference (rangemarker signs, points of land, intersection of range lines) for each shellfish classification area and includes a description of the type of marker and the latitude and longitude coordinates for each point. These coordinates are provided for convenient reference only. The shellfish closure areas, as detailed within this document, are the legal descriptions of these areas. All harvesters shall refer to those legal descriptions to determine an area's classification and suitability for shellfish harvesting.

Closure Classification ID	Additional Common Closure Classification Points	Office of Water Resources Shellfish Program Point ID	General Area Name	RIDEM Range Marker Yes No	Range marker, point, corner, intersection or reference point type	Latitude	Longitude
GA1-1	GA16-1	1	Conimicut Point	Y	Sign/Pole	41.7175	-71.3577
GA1-1	GA1-2	1C	Rock jetty at Rocky Point Pier	N	Rock Jetty	41.6886	-71.3651
GA1-1	GA1-2	1D	Colt Park Fishing Pier	N	Fishing pier	41.6821	-71.3011
GA1-1	GA1-3	1H	Extension of Whipple Avenue, Warwick	Y	Sign	41.7096	-71.3662
GA1-1	GA1-3	1J	Buoy at intersection of Whipple extension and Conimicut Point lines	N	Buoy	41.7109	-71.3612
GA1-2		1E	Warwick Point	N	Landward end of stone jetty	41.6666	-71.3784
GA1-2		1F	Providence Point	N	Point of land	41.6669	-71.3448
GA1-2		1G	Poppasquash Point	N	Point of land	41.6493	-71.3001
GA1-4		1A	Conimicut Point Light	N	Lighthouse	41.7170	-71.3451
GA1-4	GA16-1 and GA1-1	1B	Old Tower Nayatt Point	N	Old Tower	41.7251	-71.3389
GA2-1	GA1-1	2	Adams Point Flag Pole	N	Flag Pole	41.7161	-71.2933
GA2-1	GA1-1	3	Jacobs Point	Y	Sign	41.7124	-71.2910
GA3-1		4	Pole 20 Poppasquash Road	Y	Sign and Paint	41.6825	-71.2852
GA3-1		5	North Hog	Y	Sign	41.6480	-71.2798
GA3-1		6	Low Lane	Y	Sign	41.6470	-71.2678

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GA3-2		4A	163 Poppasquash Road	N	Dock	41.6696	-71.2888
GA3-2		4B	Northwest corner Rockwell Pier	N	Municipal Pier	41.6697	-71.2792
GA3-2		4C	Intersection of seasonal and prohibited Bristol Harbor	N	Point of intersection	41.6697	-71.2832
GA3-4		9A	Carr Point	Y	Sign	41.5712	-71.2944
GA3-4		51A	Dyer Island SE Point	N	Point of land	41.5801	-71.2975
GA3-4		9B	Coggeshall Point	N	Point of land	41.5920	-71.2864
GA3-5		10	Gull Point	Y	Sign	41.6421	-71.3366
GA3-5		10A	Potter Cove Dock	N	Painted Seawall	41.6403	-71.3407
GA3-6		11	Barker Brook south side Portsmouth	Y	Sign	41.6073	-71.2736
GA3-6		11A	Carnegie Abbey Club dock	N	Dock	41.6091	-71.2729
GA4-1		12	Hummock Point - Pole 26	Y	Sign	41.6304	-71.2193
GA4-1		12A	The Cove	Y	Sign	41.6294	-71.2312
GA4-2		12B	Morningside Lane	Y	Sign	41.6124	-71.2410
GA4-2		12C	Stone Bridge	Y	Painted Sign	41.6255	-71.2159
GA4-5		63	Sakonnet Harbor	N	Light	41.4668	-71.1952
GA4-5		64	Sakonnet Harbor	N	Point of Land	41.4670	-71.1927
GA5-1		14	Patterson Ave Laurel Park	Y	Sign	41.7207	-71.2620
GA5-1		15	#61 Asylum Road Touisset	N	Flag Pole	41.7228	-71.2570
GA6-1		26	South 900' from Carr Point	Y	Sign	41.5689	-71.2952
GA6-1		26A	Red Nun Buoy 22 East Passage	N	Buoy	41.5776	-71.3073
GA6-1		27	2300' North of rock jetty formerly known as Blue Gold Pier opposite Vigilante St.	Y	Painted Rock	41.5617	-71.3014
GA6-2		27A	Northwest corner former dock site	N	Point of land	41.5564	-71.3059
GA6-2		27B	Rose Island Light	N	Light house	41.4954	-71.3429
GA6-2		27C	Northwest corner of concrete bulkhed at Fort Adams State Park	N	Corner of bulkhead	41.4848	-71.3373
GA6-1		28E	Fiske Rock	N	Buoy	41.5680	-71.3284

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GA6-2		28B	Southeast corner Gould Island rectangular structure	N	Point of land	41.5295	-71.3429
GA6-3		73	Taylor Point Jamestown	N	Point of land	41.5107	-71.3594
GA6-3		74	Bell Buoy Fl(2+1) G 6s	N	Green and Red banded bell buoy	41.5113	-71.3472
GA6-3		75	Clingstone, House on the Dumplings	N	House on Dumplings island	41.4820	-71.3531
GA6-3		76	Bull Point Jamestown	N	Point of land	41.4804	-71.3547
GA7-1	GA9-4	28C	Sand Point Jamestown - Conanicut Island	N	Point of land	41.5578	-71.3845
GA7-1	GA9-4	28D	Fox Island North	N	Point of land	41.5550	-71.4176
GA7-1	GA9-4	37H	Quonset Pt bulkhead north corner	N	Corner of bulkhead	41.6025	-71.4040
GA7-1	GA9-4	37I	N 10 Quonset	N	Buoy	41.5979	-71.3948
GA7-1	GA9-4	37J	N 8 Quonset	N	Buoy	41.5861	-71.3947
GA7-1	GA9-4	37K	Intersection of two lines	N	Intersection Point	41.5679	-71.4077
GA7-1	GA9-4	37L	Sauga Point	N	Road Extension	41.5798	-71.4356
GA7-2		29	Calf Neck - Wickford Harbor	Y	Sign	41.5799	-71.4494
GA7-2		29A	West Cornelius Island Wickford	Y	Sign	41.5795	-71.4485
GA7-2		29B	South end Cornelius Island Wickford	Y	Sign	41.5778	-71.4478
GA7-2		29C	Southeast corner of dock Wickford Yacht Club	N	Corner of dock	41.5769	-71.4467
GA7-2		29D	Marker on Big Rock Point	N	Point of land	41.5733	-71.4438
GA7-3		30	Bissel Cove north shore the former Homestead	Y	Sign	41.5472	-71.4285
GA7-3		31	Bissel Cove south shore	Y	Sign	41.5454	-71.4286
GA7-5		31A	Fort Getty Pier	N	Landward N/E corner of pier	41.4944	-71.3965
GA7-5		31B	South side of Great Creek	N	Point on land	41.5060	-71.3780
GA7-5	GA7-7	31C	West side of entrance to Fox Hill Pond	N	Point on land	41.4922	-71.3959
GA7-5	GA7-7	31D	East side of entrance to Fox Hill Pond	N	Point on land	41.4921	-71.3954
GA7-5	GA7-8	32	Maple Ave Jamestown	Y	Sign	41.4937	-71.3843
GA7-5	GA7-8	33	Sheffield Cove west shore	Y	Sign	41.4929	-71.3888
GA7-6		29E	Northern end of Poplar Point breakwater	N	End of breakwater	41.5729	-71.4376
GA7-6		29F	Light at southern end of Sauga Point breakwater	N	Light	41.5743	-71.4379
GA8-1	GA8-5	34	NW tip of Cedar Tree Point	Y	Sign	41.6887	-71.4442
GA8-1	GA8-5	35	NECO Pole#6 Neptune Drive Warwick	Y	Sign	41.6774	-71.4469

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GA8-2	GA8-5	37	Long Point Greenwich Cove	Y	Sign	41.6664	-71.4414
GA8-2	GA8-5	37A	Chepiwanoxet South	Y	Sign	41.6726	-71.4416
GA8-3		33A	Buttonwoods Neck west shore	N	Point of land	41.6855	-71.4043
GA8-3		33B	Pole #35 Strand Ave Oakland Beach	Y	Sign	41.6858	-71.4017
GA8-4		36A	Warwick Cove Oakland Beach	N	Stone jetty	41.6839	-71.3928
GA8-4		36B	Warwick Cove Dorr's Dock Warwick Neck	N	Dock	41.6829	-71.3904
GA8-5		36C	Flag Pole, Warwick CC	N	Flag Pole	41.6724	-71.3894
GA8-5		36D	Eastern extremity of Sandy Point	N	Point of land	41.6630	-71.4082
GA8-6	GA8-5	36E	Baker Creek	N	Point of land	41.6869	-71.4343
GA9-1		37B	Spinks Neck	Y	Painted rocks	41.6210	-71.4078
GA9-1		37C	Calf Pasture Point	Y	Sign	41.6220	-71.4086
GA9-2		37D	Northeast corner of Pier #2 Davisville	N	NE Corner of Pier	41.6151	-71.4022
GA9-2		37E	Red Nun Buoy "16" Quonset Channel	N	Buoy	41.6128	-71.4004
GA9-2		37F	Intersection of two lines	N	Intersection Point	41.6087	-71.4016
GA9-2		37G	Red Nun Buoy "12" Quonset Channel	N	Buoy	41.6052	-71.3948
GA9-2		37N	On fence at north side of Davisville Pier #2	Y	Sign	41.6154	-71.4034
GA9-2		38	On fence 300 feet south of Davisville Pier #1	Y	Sign	41.6115	-71.4098
GA9-3		38A	Fry's Pond Cove North corner southwest corner Davisville Piers	N	Painted bulkhead	41.6107	-71.4104
GA9-3		38B	Fry's Pond Cove South inside corner of bulkhead	N	Painted bulkhead	41.6025	-71.4146
GA9-5		39	Potowomut River north shore Marsh Point	Y	Sign	41.6571	-71.4095
GA9-5		40	Potowomut River couth shore Pojac Point	Y	Sign	41.6506	-71.4089
GA10-1		41	Smelt Brook Cove	Y	Sign	41.4124	-71.5112
GA10-1		42	Pine Tree Point	Y	Sign	41.4159	-71.5021
GA10-2		42A	Northeast landward corner of CRMC dock #1690	N	Point on land	41.4071	-71.4923
GA10-2		42B	Clearwater Dr. Briggs Farm Imp	N	Rip-rap bulkhead	41.4066	-71.4917
GA10-3		42G	Snug Harbor Gooseberry Road	N	End of road	41.3857	-71.5194
GA10-3		42H	Snug Harbor opposite Gooseberry Road at extension of Succotash Road	N	End of road	41.3855	-71.5191
GA10-3		42I	500 feet east of High Point Snug Harbor	N	Point of intersection	41.3901	-71.5130
GA10-3		42J	High Point Snug Harbor	N	Point of land	41.3903	-71.5150
GA10-3		42T	Approximately 500 feet southeast of Snug Harbor shoreline	N	Point on land	41.3847	-71.5183

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GA10-4		42C	Potter Pond Channel North East	N	Point of land	41.3860	-71.5234
GA10-4		42D	Potter Pond Channel South East	N	Point of land	41.3846	-71.5234
GA10-4		42E	Potter Pond Channel North West	N	Point on land	41.3861	-71.5279
GA10-4		42F	Potter Pond Channel South West	N	Point on land	41.3860	-71.5278
GA10-5		42K	Southwestern extension of Basin Road Galilee	N	Point of land	41.3849	-71.5119
GA10-5		42L	Northeast side of Great Island bridge Galilee	N	Bridge	41.3843	-71.5071
GA10-5		42M	Southeast side of Great Island bridge Galilee	N	Bridge	41.3840	-71.5073
GA10-5	GA10-6	42N	Galilee Harbor 500 feet west of shoreline	N	Phantom point in harbor	41.3764	-71.5138
GA10-5	GA10-6	42O	Galilee Harbor 500 feet west of shoreline	N	Phantom point in harbor	41.3786	-71.5138
GA10-5		42P	Northern end of east side of Point Judith entrance channel	N	Point on land	41.3764	-71.5132
GA10-6		42Q	850 feet north of state pier Jerusalem	N	Point of land	41.3808	-71.5167
GA10-6		42R	500 feet east of Jerusalum	N	Intersection Point	41.3817	-71.5149
GA10-6		42S	Northern end of west side of Point Judith entrance channel	N	Point on land	41.3763	-71.5145
GA10-8		42T	Camp Fuller flag pole	N	Flag pole	41.4074	-71.5094
GA10-8		42U	CRMC ROW C-12	N	Point of land	41.4090	-71.4970
GA10-9		42V	Extension of Flintstone Road on Harbour Island	N	Point of land	41.4980	-71.4090
GA10-9		42W	Extension of submerged road on Ram Island	N	Point of land	41.4970	-71.4060
GA10-9		42X	Most southeast point of Ram Island	N	Point of land	41.4000	-71.4980
GA10-9		42Y	Extension of Indian Farm Rock Road at north tip Locke Point	N	Point of land	41.3990	-71.4950
GA11NG-1		43	#89 Potter Road - Ninigret	Y	Sign	41.3624	-71.6319
GA11NG-1		43A	Southwest tip of Heather Island	N	Point of land	41.3637	-71.6335
GA11NG-1		43B	CRMC Dock#1647 at 2 Pequot Drive	N	Dock	41.3687	-71.6355
GA12-1		52	Sandy Point	Y	Sign/Pole	41.3212	-71.8778
GA12-1		53	Napatree	Y	Sign/Pole	41.3103	-71.8775
GA13-1	Seasonal	67	Harris Point	N	Point of land	41.1902	-71.5733
GA13-1	Seasonal	68	Dock Block Island Club	N	Dock	41.1963	-71.5738
GA13-1	Seasonal	69	Cormorant Point	N	Point of land	41.1907	-71.5878
GA14E-2		65	Tuckerman Terrace Easton Bay	N	End of road	41.4828	-71.2782
GA14E-2		66	Narragansett Avenue Easton Bay	N	End of road	41.4758	-71.2971
GA14W-1		72	Scarborough beach outfall	N	Point in water of radial	41.3806	-71.4711
GA14W-2		71	Narragansett WWTF outfall Tucker's Dock	N	Point in water of radial	41.4212	-71.4526
GA14W-3		70	BI WWTF outfall center point of radial closure	N	Point in water of radial	41.1678	-71.5512

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GA16-2		78	Landward end of the CRMC permitted dock # 073	N	Dock	41.7316	-71.3854
GA16-2		79	Southern-most extension of south Gaspee Point	N	Point of land	41.7355	-71.3815
GA16-3		77E	North most end of rock seawall at southwest corner of Bullock Point	Y	Point of land, Sign	41.7450	-71.3592
GA16-4		77	Gaspee Point	Y	Point of land, Sign	41.7443	-71.3765
GA17-2	GA5-4 and GA17-1	57	Stone jetty located approximately 120 feet south of the extension	N	Point of land	41.7020	-71.2325
GA17-2		57A	NW corner of GA17-2	N	Intersection Point	41.6908	-71.2308
GA17-2		57B	NE corner of GA17-2 at RI-MA state line	N	Intersection Point	41.6953	-71.2123
GA17-2		58	RI/MA State Line - Warren-Swansea	N	State Line	41.7121	-71.2261
GA17-2		59	RI/MA State Line - Tiverton-Fall River	N	State Line	41.6751	-71.1954
GA17-2		60	Lighted Bell Buoy 4 Mt Hope Bay	N	Buoy	41.6706	-71.2188
GA17-2	GA4-2	61	Sakonnet Rail Bridge west side	N	Bridge	41.6390	-71.2140
GA17-2	GA4-2	62	Sakonnet Rail Bridge east side	N	Bridge	41.6391	-71.2127
GA17-2	GA5-4	46	Common Fence Point	Y	Sign	41.6555	-71.2204