

**NOTICE TO ALL SHELLFISH HARVESTERS in the TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON  
"CONDITIONAL SHELLFISHING HARVEST PROGRAM" for  
ACCABONAC HARBOR**

Pursuant to the provisions of Title 6 NYCRR 47.3 (b), the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, in cooperation with the Town of East Hampton, will initiate a "Conditional Shellfish Harvest Program" on Wednesday, December 18, 2019, in portions of the uncertified shellfish lands in **Accabonac Harbor**, as described below.

**1. CONDITIONAL AREA DESCRIPTION:** (See the map image on reverse for additional information)

**Accabonac:** All that area of the northernmost portion of Accabonac Harbor (ACH), including tributaries, lying north of a line extending westerly from the westernmost point of land of the property at 128 Gerard Drive to an orange marker on the opposite western shoreline located at **41° 2.3019' N, 72° 8.5759' W**. If this marker is removed, missing, or not in its original position the harvesting of shellfish in this portion of Accabonac Harbor will be suspended.

**2. CONDITIONS TO BE MET:**

When **no more than 0.45 inches** of liquid precipitation is recorded for each of seven (7) successive days, the area may be "OPEN" (certified) for harvesting on the eighth (8) day and may remain "OPEN" until **more than 0.45"** of rain is recorded in 24 hours.

**3. PUBLIC NOTIFICATION:**

- (a) Each morning the East Hampton Town Trustees will determine the status of the Accabonac Conditional Harvest Area based on rainfall amounts. A recorded message describing the "OPEN" or "CLOSED" status will be available by calling **631-324-6393** after **8:30 AM**, seven days a week.
- (b) It is the responsibility of the harvester to determine whether the "OPEN" message has been given for that particular day prior to harvesting in this conditional area. Until the official "OPEN" message is given (by 8:30 A.M.) through the notification procedure described above, the area remains **Uncertified** and harvesting is prohibited.
- (c) A copy of the official order designating the area as "**OPEN**" or "**CLOSED**" will be posted at the NYSDEC Division of Marine Resources Office in East Setauket, NY.

**4. HOURS OF OPERATION & PROGRAM DURATION:**

Harvesting shall be prohibited in this conditional area before **9:00 A.M.** and after **4:00 P.M.**, on those days the area is in the "OPEN" status. The program will be in effect from **Wednesday, December 18, 2019** through **Thursday, April 30, 2020**, both dates inclusive.

**5. SPECIAL NOTES:**

- (a) **This program may be suspended, revised or canceled at any time if any of the following conditions are met: the orange marker on the western shoreline at 41° 2.3019' N, 72° 8.5759' W is missing, removed, or repositioned; if the bacteriological water quality is found to be in contravention of the standards for certified shellfish harvesting; if no rainfall reading is available on any particular day OR if any other condition is found to exist which may be a threat to public health.**
- (b) **Closures due to other extraordinary pollution events, such as rainfall in excess of three (3) inches, may exceed seven days (7) duration and will require water sampling to determine the sanitary condition of the area prior to re-opening.**

**Dated:** December 9, 2019  
East Setauket, New York

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The graphic map images below are provided for general guidance only. They should not be used for navigational purposes.

