

**TOWN OF ORLEANS, MA**  
**RESTRICTED OR CLOSED SHELLFISH AREAS**  
**EFFECTIVE DATE: 3/8/2023 UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

- *Please note that all areas not specifically identified as “CLOSED” are open for the harvesting of shellfish.*
  - *Remember to check for updated closures each time before you go shellfishing. We post this information on-line at [www.town.orleans.ma.us](http://www.town.orleans.ma.us). The map and information sheet are in effect from the posted date until further notice.*
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**NAUSET ESTUARY**

THE ENTIRETY OF THE NAUSET ESTUARY IS CLOSED TO ALL SHELLFISHING DUE TO RED TIDE.

**PLEASANT BAY ESTUARY**

- 1) Lonnie’s Pond, from the launching ramp at the town landing and south to the Herring run creek is open for *FAMILY PERMITS ONLY*.
  - 2) Paw Wah Pond and the entrance creek is **CLOSED** for the taking of all shellfish.
  - 3) Quanset Pond and Little Quanset Pond east of a line drawn from the middle of the point to the pier on the opposite shore and to a depth of 3 feet as measured at low water is open to the taking of shellfish for *FAMILY PERMITS ONLY*.
  - 4) Pochet Creek, north of a line drawn from the "No Shellfishing" sign on Pochet Neck to the "No Shellfishing" sign on the opposite shore (Nauset Beach), is **CLOSED** for the taking of all shellfish.
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**CAPE COD BAY**

The Rock Harbor, Namskaket and Little Namskaket Creeks, inside of lines drawn across the mouth of each, are **CLOSED** for the taking of all shellfish.

