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Rain Schedule

Any area designated as a rain area as described on maps attached to Town of Fairhaven Shellfish Regulations are open only when a **“yellow flag”** is displayed at 2 locations. The first location is **Baxter Ave.** off Sconticut Neck Rd. and governs the west side of the Sconticut Neck rain areas. The second is displayed at **Knollmere Beach** at the end of Weeden Rd. ***When flags are displayed as red (or no flag at all) all shell fishing is prohibited in the rain areas as shown on the map.***

Rainfall amounts in excess of .3 inches will cause rain areas to be closed and a red flag displayed. Once red flags are displayed they will fly for 5 consecutive days and then taken down and changed to yellow. If during the 5 day period another rain event occurs and the rainfall is .3 inches or more of rain another 5 day period shall begin. Rain fall is measured at the Sewerage Treatment facility on Arsene St. between 7:15 AM and 7:45 AM daily if rain is detected.

Fairhaven will coordinate their rainfall amounts with the City of New Bedford between 7:15 AM and 7:45 AM on rain dates. If either community has .3 inches or more of rain the west side of Sconticut Neck will be closed per rain area regulations. If during the day rain fall is significant, flags may be changed if warranted. Shell Fishermen should watch for closures as it helps protect the public.

Due to coordination requirements flags will be changed by 8:00 AM per rain date regulations. It is also understood any Shell Fishermen fishing from a boat, including divers shall not leave the dock before 8:00 AM. This regulation shall be enforced vigorously to ensure all are aware of the flag being displayed for that day.

Rain Schedules as described in the Town of Fairhaven may be superseded by the Commonwealth of Mass Marine Fisheries Div. If they deem it necessary they may close the entire or part of the shell fishery area in Fairhaven for a period they deem required.