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January 29, 2026

Norwalk Health Department, Director of Health
Deanna D'Amore, MPH
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RE: Reclassification of shellfish growing areas in Norwalk, CT

Ms. D'Amore,

The Department of Agriculture Bureau of Aquaculture (DoAg) is required to reevaluate shellfish growing area classifications in the State on an annual basis, to accurately reflect the appropriate designated use of the area and remain in compliance with the requirements of the National Shellfish Sanitation Program (NSSP). The DoAg has completed the 2024 Comprehensive Sanitary Survey Report for the City of Norwalk, covering the period 01/01/2012 through 12/31/2024, inclusive of an analysis of data for the 2022 to 2024 reporting period.

Based on the Sanitary Survey, the following shellfish growing areas in Norwalk are reclassified effective February 1, 2026:

- Due to the lack of survey access to the Canfield Island section of Shorehaven Road, a 100' prohibited buffer will be placed around these homes.
- The waters just outside of Cove Marina are being reclassified as Prohibited to encompass the dock extending into Norwalk Harbor.
- The Wilson Cove Conditionally Restricted area and the Norwalk Harbor Conditionally Restricted area will be reclassified as Restricted. This change is administrative; the DoAg is no longer using the Conditionally Restricted classification due to the administrative burden of operating additional Conditional areas.

For additional information on the NSSP requirements for classifying shellfish growing areas, please see the NSSP Model Ordinance Chapter IV. Shellfish Growing [Areas@.02](#) Microbiological Standards and [@.03](#) Growing Area Classification.

<https://www.fda.gov/food/federalstate-food-programs/national-shellfish-sanitation-program-nssp>

The changes become effective February 1, 2026. A legal notice has been placed in the local newspaper announcing this change. A copy of the written description of the current classifications and all relevant maps are attached. Copies of the new classification descriptions for the shellfish growing areas in Norwalk are being provided to the United States Food and Drug Administration, the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, and the Norwalk City Clerk.

Please contact me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
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LEGAL NOTICE

Effective February 1, 2026 pursuant to Section 26-192e of the Connecticut General Statutes, the Department of Agriculture Bureau of Aquaculture will change the shellfish classifications in Norwalk waters. Due to the lack of survey access to the Canfield Island section of Shorehaven Road, a 100' prohibited buffer will be placed around these homes. The waters just outside of Cove Marina are being reclassified as Prohibited to encompass the dock extending into Norwalk Harbor. The Wilson Cove Conditionally Restricted area and the Norwalk Harbor Conditionally Restricted area will be reclassified as Restricted.

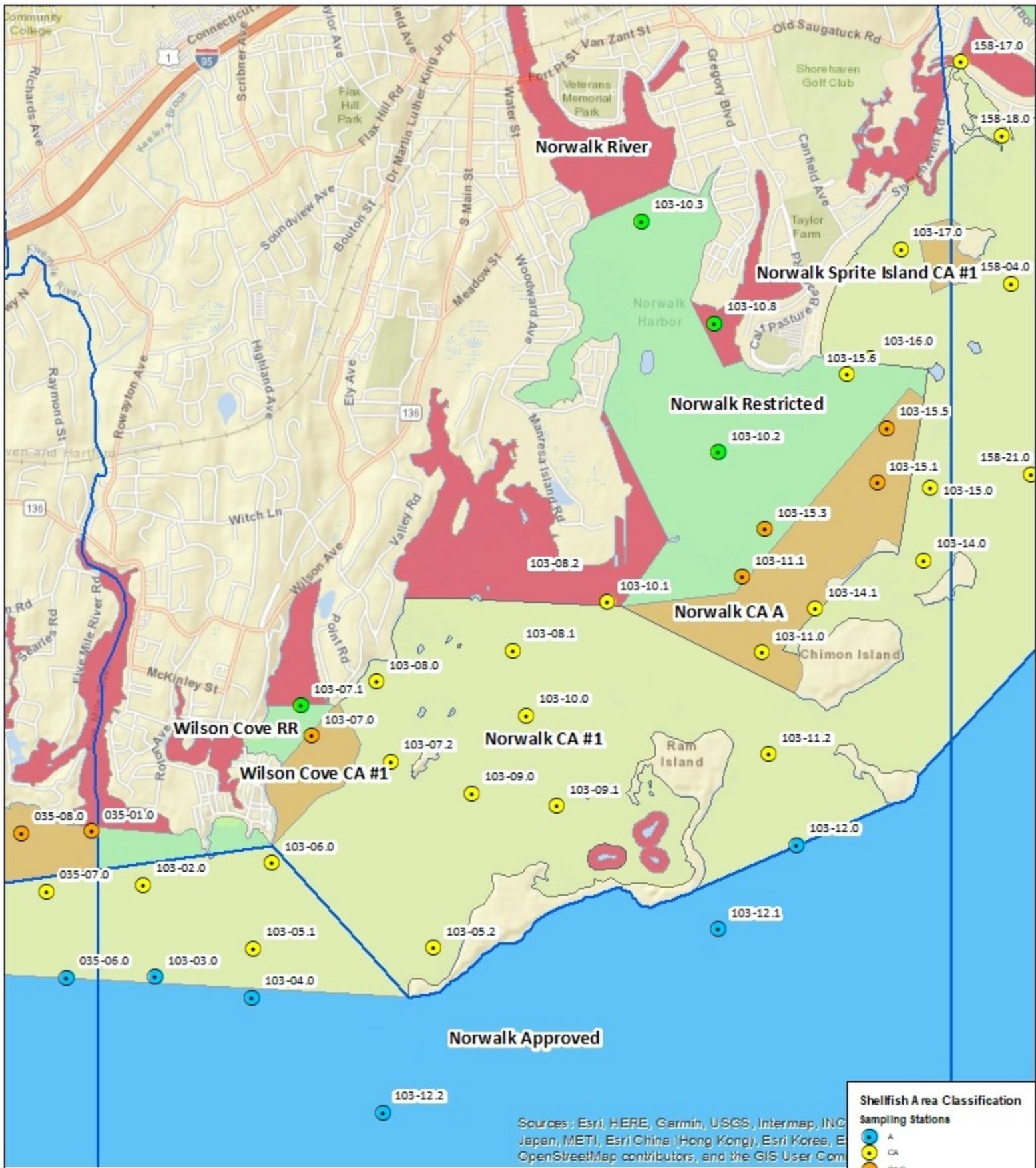
For further details and descriptions, contact the Department of Agriculture Bureau of Aquaculture.

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Dated at Milford, Connecticut, this 1st day of February, 2026.

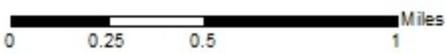
STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

David H. Carey, Director
For Commissioner Bryan Hurlburt



Norwalk

Classification Effective Date:
2/1/2026



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CITY OF NORWALK, CONNECTICUT
SHELLFISH GROWING AREA CLASSIFICATIONS AND DESCRIPTIONS

EFFECTIVE: 2/1/2026

PROHIBITED AREAS:

Norwalk River - The area north of an east-west line intersecting channel marker #1 (FLG 2.5 sec.).

Charles Creek – All waters of Charles Creek and Cove Marina, including around the dock that extends into Norwalk Harbor.

Shore Haven and Canfield Island - The tidal waters and flats north of the bridge between Shore Haven and Canfield Island, as well as a 100' prohibited buffer along the southern boundary of Canfield Island between the bridge and Norwalk-Westport town line. This includes waters of Bermuda Lagoon that fall in the Norwalk jurisdiction.

Manresa Island - That area around Manresa Island enclosed by a line extending from the end of Beach Street, south to the western end of Long Beach Island, then southwest to channel marker #10, then west to Cedar Hammock, then due west to the mainland.

Ram Island Bay - All tidal waters within 200' of Wood, Temperance, and Little Hammock Islands

Wilson Cove - That area north of a line extending from Wilson Point west to the mainland.

Farm Creek - All the tidal waters and flats west of the Westmere Avenue bridge.

Five Mile River (Darien-Norwalk) - The tidal waters and flats of the Five Mile River north of a line from the southern extremity of Butler Island, Darien, extending east to the southern extremity of Roton Point, Norwalk.

Norwalk Dredge Disposal Site (Dumping Grounds): Dredge disposal sites or discontinued dredge disposal sites and that area 1,000 feet around the dredge disposal sites, as defined by the Darien-Norwalk town line (41.024899, -73.446174), east to 41.024861, -73.433265, south to 41.010678, -73.433351, northeast to 41.015406, -73.421678, southeast to 40.995327, -73.410228, then southwest to the CT-NY state jurisdiction line, west to the Darien-Norwalk town line, then north back to the starting point..

CONDITIONALLY RESTRICTED RELAY AREAS:

None

RESTRICTED RELAY AREAS:

Norwalk Harbor – All waters north of the boundary defined by the Captain William Clark Fishing Pier at Calf Pasture Beach, east to the western tip of Calf Pasture Island, south to 41.081093, -73.385078, northwest to 41.081626, -73.386119, southwest to 41.070018, -73.39911, southwest to 41.069227, -73.407604, northeast to the western tip of Long Beach Island, then northwest to the shoreline at the end of Beach Street. Exclusive of waters previously defined as Prohibited.

Wilson Cove - That tidal waters and flats of Wilson Cove north of the line defined by the northeast extremity of Bell Island to the pier at Wilson Point, exclusive of waters previously defined as Prohibited.

Five Mile River Mouth – All waters north of the area defined by Noroton Point (41.05547, -73.433385) west to the Norwalk-Darien town line (41.054088, -73.446306), exclusive of those previously defined as Prohibited.

CONDITIONALLY APPROVED AREAS:

Conditionally Approved Area #1 – All waters north of the area defined by the Darien-Norwalk town line (41.047887, -73.446249), southeast to the western extremity of Sheffield Island, following north around the island chain and around Ram Island to the eastern point on The Plains (41.053202, -73.401928), northeast to the southern point of Copps Island, north along the Island to the eastern end at 41.059799, -73.385226, northeast to the Norwalk-Westport town line (41.061714, -73.382904), north along the town line to Canfield Island, then southwest along the shoreline to Calf Pasture Beach Park (41.083241, -73.392535), east to the western tip of Calf Pasture Island, southwest to the eastern tip of Betts Island (41.072545, -73.386891), then south along Betts Island to the western tip of Betts Island (41.070264, -73.392169), west along lot 56, southeast along lot 59 to the southeastern corner, then southwest to 41.066811, -73.395491, northeast to Chimon Island, along the Island to the western tip at 41.064394, -73.394555, northwest to 41.069227, -73.407604, west to the mainland at 41.069555, -73.423655, then southwest along the shoreline to 41.054066, -73.44631, and south along the Darien-Norwalk town line back to the original coordinate. Exclusive of previously defined Prohibited, Restricted Relay, and Conditionally Approved areas. This area is managed with a 1.5” rainfall trigger.

Conditionally Approved Seasonal Area A – Waters between the Norwalk Harbor Restricted Relay area and Conditionally Approved Area #1. This area is managed with a 1.0” rainfall trigger and a seasonal closure from May 1 – October 31, annually, due to a decline in water quality.

Conditionally Approved Seasonal Sprite Island – Waters west and south of Sprite Island around the mooring area, inclusive of lots 1C, 3, 2, 268, 6E, 183, and 035 CAS. This area is divided by the Norwalk-Westport town line. This area is managed with Conditionally Approved Area #1 and a seasonal closure during the active boating months.

CONDITIONALLY APPROVED AREAS (CONTINUED):

Conditionally Approved Seasonal Wilson Cove – Waters north of the boundary defined by the Noroton Point (41.05547, -73.433385), northeast to the southwestern boundary of lot 260 CAS, northeast along the lot boundary, northeast to 41.06083, -73.426985, northeast to 41.061339, -73.426867, then northwest to Wilson Point (41.063595, -73.428474), exclusive of waters previously defined as Restricted Relay and Prohibited. This area is managed with Conditionally Approved Area #1 and a seasonal closure during the active boating months.

APPROVED AREAS:

All waters in Norwalk, exclusive of those classified by DoAg as Prohibited, Restricted Relay, or Conditionally Approved.