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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF

January 23, 1996

Regulatory Division CENED-OD-R 1996-00051

Karl Rask The Resource, Inc. P.O. Box 2837 1θ Cummings Road Orleans, MA θ2653

RE: Wellfleet Shellfish Aquaculture Zone

Dear Mr. Rask:

This is to inform you that we have reviewed your application, on behalf of the Town of Wellfleet, to engage in activities and deploy structures associated with shellfish aquaculture facilities in a  $3\theta$  acre site in Wellfleet Harbor at Wellfleet, Massachusetts, as shown on your plan entitled: "PROPOSED GRANT AREA", undated, portion attached.

Based on the information you have provided, we have determined that your project will have only minimal individual or cumulative environmental effects, and therefore qualifies for authorization under the Massachusetts Programmatic General Permit (PGP), provided that you comply with the following special conditions:

- 1. Deployment of gear and structures is limited to a height no greater than 18" off the bottom. Other than buoys demarcating the zone, there shall be no gear or lines in the water column.
- 2. The permittee (Town of Wellfleet) shall ensure that leaseholders or grantees who may be assigned the use of all or part of the zone are in compliance with the terms and conditions of this authorization.

The activity authorized herein must be performed in compliance with the special conditions provided above, and all the terms and conditions of the PGP. Enclosed is a copy of the PGP permit requirements. Please review it carefully to familiarize yourself with its contents. You may wish to discuss the conditions of this authorization with your contractor to ensure the work can be accomplished in a manner that conforms to all requirements. You are responsible for complying with all of the permits' requirements and conditions;



therefore, you should be certain that whoever does the work fully understands all of the conditions.

Please note that this determination does not constitute an authorization to proceed until all other applicable state and local permits are obtained.

Performing work not specifically authorized by this permit, starting work without obtaining other applicable state and local approvals, or failing to comply with the permit conditions may subject you to the enforcement provisions of our regulations.

Condition 31 of the PGP (page 7) provides one year for the completion of work commenced prior to the expiration of this PGP on March 1,  $2\theta\theta\theta$ . You will need to apply for reauthorization for any work (deployment of gear) in Corps jurisdiction that is not completed by that date.

If you have any questions, please contact Grant Kelly, Regulatory Project Manager, at (617) 647-8491 or toll–free at 800–343–4789 or 800–362–4367 if calling within Massachusetts.

Sincerely,

Karen Kirk Adams Chief, Permits Branch Regulatory Division

Enclosures

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