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**Rhode Island Oyster Lease Reopening 09/03/2023 Following Vibrio Closure**

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management and Rhode Island Department of Health are reporting that the Vibrio-related closure of the aquaculture lease, Rocky Rhode Oysters Co., LLC, doing business as Walrus and Carpenter Oysters (CRMC AQ Lease Assent 2019-12-055), will end at sunrise on Sunday September 3, 2023.

This aquaculture lease had been previously closed since 8/19/2023 after a RI Department of Health investigation epidemiologically linked oysters harvested at this single lease to several Vibrio parahaemolyticus illnesses. Environmental monitoring has demonstrated acceptable fecal coliform levels and a 10° F water temperature decrease since the illness reports.