

HOUSE No. 734

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sarah K. Peake

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to shellfish reefs and water quality.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>
<i>Timothy R. Madden</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian R. Mannal</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>
<i>Daniel A. Wolf</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Peake of Provincetown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 734) of Sarah K. Peake and others relative to shellfish reefs and water quality. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to shellfish reefs and water quality.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 18 of Chapter 91 of the General Laws is hereby amended in the
2 fourth paragraph by adding after the words “landlocked tidelands” the following: “; nor will
3 cultching, provided that it is not placed on salt marsh or eel grass and does not present an
4 impediment to navigation, for the express purpose of establishing, re-establishing or maintaining
5 habitat for shellfish propagation pursuant to nutrient management measures implemented
6 pursuant to an approved area-wide wastewater management program in accordance with Section
7 208 of the federal Clean Water Act. ”