

# WATERFRONT MANAGEMENT PLAN

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## INTRODUCTION

The WATERFRONT MANAGEMENT PLAN is a compilation of information gathered and discussed in several public meetings held by the Marine Advisory Board. The Marine Advisory Board as part of its planning process identified certain key objectives, which need to be achieved in current and future management of Mattapoisett Harbor and waters.

Discussions were held with the Harbormaster, Shellfish Warden, Board of Selectmen and Town Clerk. Meeting minutes have been compiled and are recorded at the Town Clerk's Office.

Public Meetings have been held for determination of areas not suitable for recreation, navigation or expansion of mooring fields. These meetings were held from May 2011 through August 2011. The purpose of these meetings was to determine areas that could be used for purposes other than recreation, navigation or expansions of mooring fields. These areas are now listed at the end of this document under "Areas not Suitable for Recreation, Navigation or Expansion of Mooring Fields".

This document was submitted for public review on November 1, 2011. The public review process encompassed 120 calendar days.

**OBJECTIVES FOR THE WATERFRONT MANAGEMENT PLAN**

The objectives for the WATERFRONT MANAGEMENT PLAN are as follows:

- Protection and Maintenance of Navigation.
- Providing Safe Mooring and Anchoring for Resident and Transient Vessels.
- Accommodating future growth and preserving the character of Mattapoissett Harbor and waters.
- Ensuring multiple uses of Mattapoissett Harbor and waters to avoiding user conflicts. Mattapoissett Harbor and waters supports a variety of uses such as recreational vessel use, personal watercraft and water skiing.
- Preserving Natural Resources and protecting natural shellfish and fish habitats such as areas with eelgrass.
- Supporting marine industry, which is critical to the recreational vessel use and needs to be served by current and future planning.
- Identify areas that can be used for purposes other than recreation, navigation or expansion of mooring fields navigation.

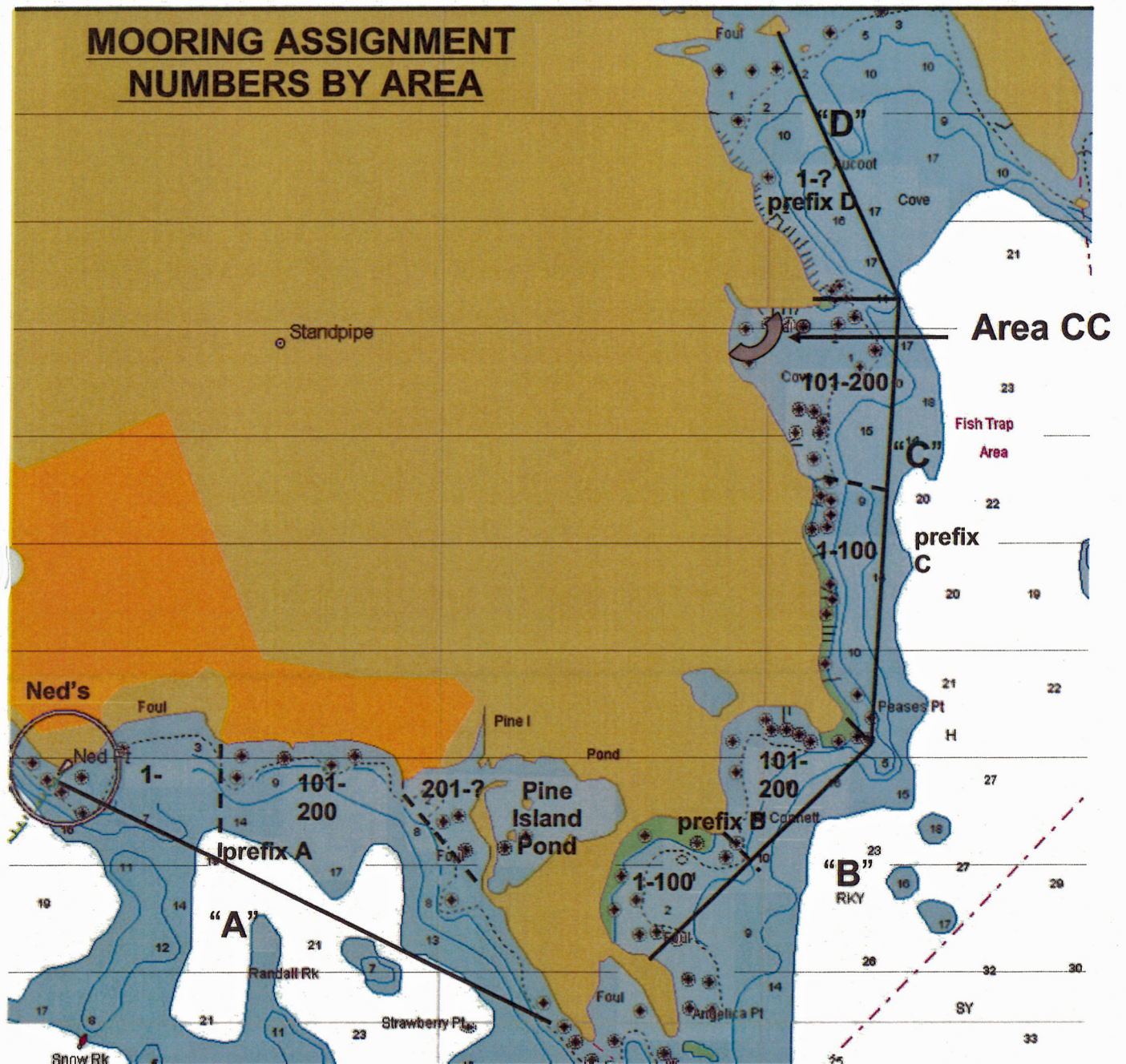
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AREA NUMBER	NUMBER OF MOORINGS	REASON FOR CLOSURE
1-100	100	Marshmeer shall be placed on grid. See note 1,3
H	See note 2	This area is open to new moorings.
201-500	299	This area shall be placed on grid. The grid spacing shall be optimized for mooring quantity. See note 5.
501-851	See note 2	This area is on grid pursuant to section 7.1.2
A1	100	This area is open to new moorings.
A101	99	This area is open to new moorings.
A201	-	This area is closed to new moorings.
B	See note 2	This area is open to new moorings. See note 3
C1	100	This area is open to new moorings.
C101	99	This area is open to new moorings.
CC	-	This area is closed to new moorings.
D	100	This area is open to new moorings. The total quantity of moorings shall be capped at one hundred subject to review at that time. This area shall be placed on grid. Efforts shall be made to locate moorings as close to existing locations as deemed practical. See note 3
E	See note 2	This area is open to new moorings
F	12	The total quantity of moorings shall be capped at twelve. See note 3
G	See note 2	This area is open to new moorings. See note 3

Note:

1. Consideration of mooring spacing shall take into account area used for anchorage and sailing.
2. Quantity of moorings is undetermined at present time.
3. Placement of moorings shall take ell grass areas into consideration.
4. Business mooring reserved pool. The pool of business moorings is based upon a ratio of 10% of private moorings (inner harbor), ie. if there are ten private moorings then one mooring shall be added to business mooring pool. Location of business moorings shall be determined by Harbormaster.
5. New Moorings off the town beach shall be held by the Harbormaster for use by community-based programs.

# MOORING ASSIGNMENT NUMBERS BY AREA





# Wharf Area Locus Plan



**Areas not Suitable for Recreation,  
Navigation or Expansion of Mooring Fields**



**Areas not Suitable for Recreation,  
Navigation or Expansion of Mooring Fields**



Indicates area not suitable for navigation or future mooring expansion.



Indicates area not suitable for navigation or future mooring expansion. Further this area has little or no recreation possibility.



Indicates area not suitable for navigation or future mooring expansion. This area is lightly used for recreation or navigation.



Indicates area presently used for aquaculture.

