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Island Creek Oyster Bar to Replace Great Bay at Hotel Commonwealth



Kenmore just keeps getting better.

Island Creek Oyster Bar will be replacing the empty halls of the ill-fated Great Bay at [500 Commonwealth Ave](#) in Kenmore Square.

The team behind the oyster bar will be Skip Bennett, founder of [Island Creek Oysters](#), Jeremy Sewall, Chef/Owner of [Lineage](#) and Executive Chef of [Eastern Standard Kitchen & Drinks](#), and Garrett Harker, Proprietor of [Eastern Standard Kitchen & Drinks](#).

Incidentally, Chef Sewall was also the chef that opened the Great Bay and cooked there during its glory years.

The team's goal is to make the Island Creek Oyster Bar "a high-energy oyster bar and seafood restaurant dedicated to highlighting the best of New England's local purveyors, ingredients and talent."

Along with the announcement of the closing of the Foundation Lounge next door, the addition of the Island Creek Oyster bar looks to be the herald of new and exciting changes in the Kenmore Square area.