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Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has further examined the **CONDITIONALLY APPROVED** shellfishing areas **N7.4 "Middle Castle Neck River"** and **N7.5 "Lower Castle Neck River"** in the Towns of Essex and Ipswich which were closed on Saturday, May 26, 2018, due to discharge from a sewer line, and has determined that the areas can now be re-opened. As a result, the status of these areas has been changed to "OPEN TO SHELLFISHING."

Therefore, the below defined **CONDITIONALLY APPROVED** areas shall be re-opened to the harvest of shellfish for direct human consumption effective at sunrise on Wednesday, May 30, 2018.

**CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED**

**STATUS: OPEN TO SHELLFISHING**

### **N7.4 Middle Castle Neck River**

"The waters, flats and all tributaries of the Castle Neck River in the Towns of Essex and Ipswich within the following metes and bounds: west of a line drawn due south to a red/orange marker on the south bank of the Castle Neck River from the dock on the property now or formerly owned by E.O. Jennings at No. 207 Argilla Road; east of a line drawn from a red/orange marker located on the north bank of the Castle Neck River near the Shurcliff Dock, so-called, south to a red/orange marker located on the northwest point of Smith Island."

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**N7.5 Lower Castle Neck River**

“The waters, flats and tributaries of the Castle Neck River in the Towns of Essex and Ipswich within the following metes and bounds: east of a line drawn due south to a red/orange marker on the south bank of the Castle Neck River from the dock on the property now or formerly owned by E. Jennings at 207 Argilla Rd; north of a line drawn from a red/orange marker on the western-most tip of Hog Island due west to a red/orange marker on the eastern bank of the State Wildlife Management Area; west of a line drawn due north to a red/orange marker on the Castle Neck spit from the boulder on the north shore of Long Island.”

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David E. Pierce". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" and last name "Pierce" clearly legible.

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