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September 2, 2021

Honorable Coastal Select Boards and Mayors of the South Shore, Cape Cod and Islands, South Coast, and Mount Hope Bay

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries shall close the shellfish areas listed below from the affects of heavy rainfall from remnants of Hurricane “Ida” which affected the Massachusetts coastal areas on **September 1st and September 2nd, 2021**.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A, the status of the below-defined areas will be changed to “**CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING**” and closed to the taking of all shellfish except conch and scallop abductor muscle **effective at sunrise on Thursday, September 2nd, 2021**. Digging, harvesting or collecting and/or attempting to dig, harvest or collect shellfish and the possession of shellfish from the below-defined areas is prohibited.

Under authority of 322 CMR 7.01 (7) all permits issued there under are hereby conditioned to prohibit the taking, selling or possession of shellfish as stated above from the areas listed below. After the storm, holders of aquaculture licenses under the authority of Chapter 130, Section 57, MGL, may conduct necessary maintenance/retrieval of their equipment after notifying, and with the consent of, the local shellfish constable. No shellfish maybe harvested during the closure or removed from the site for culling.

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“The waters, flats and all tributaries of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts from the Cohasset-Hull Town Line south to the Rhode Island – Massachusetts State Line including areas, MB1-MB14, CCB1-CCB51, OC1-OC10, SC1-SC64, NS1-4, NT1-NT14, V1-V36, E1-E14, MHB1-MHB5 and BB1-BB58.

Those areas shall remain closed until notification has been received from the Division that the areas have been placed into the open status.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel J. McKiernan". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Daniel J. McKiernan
Director

cc: P. Moran, K. Clayton, OLE
D. McKiernan, J. Kennedy, DMF
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Shellfish Constables of the areas listed above