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October 1, 2026

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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 determined that shellfish growing area Ichabod Flats (CCB42.0) in the Towns of Duxbury and Plymouth, precautionarily closed on September 25, 2026, due to heavy rain, now meets the National Shellfish Sanitation Program guidelines for an "Open to Shellfishing" status.

Therefore, the below defined area will revert to its former status prior to the closure issued on September 25, 2026, or in the case of a "CONDITIONALLY APPROVED" area, acquire the status dictated by its Conditional Area Management Plan criteria, and local rules and regulations under authority of MGL Chapter 130, Section 52. This opening will be effective as of 11:00 am on Thursday, October 1, 2026.

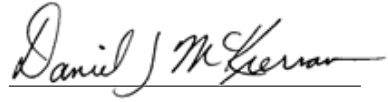
Under authority of 322 CMR 7.01(7) all permits issued thereunder are hereby conditioned to permit the taking, selling or possession of shellfish from the area listed below.

STATUS: OPEN TO THE TAKING OF SHELLFISH
Subject to conditional area management plan criteria where applicable

CCB42.0
Ichabod Flats

"The waters and flats of that portion of Plymouth Harbor, in the Towns of Plymouth, Kingston and Duxbury east of a line drawn the Kingston/Plymouth town line to the southern end of Goose Point, south of a line continuing to the southwest end of Saquish Head and west of a line continuing to the northern end of Long Beach and north of a line drawn from the Kingston/Plymouth town line to the "NO SHELLFISHING" buoy located at 41.9816605/-70.6709888 continuing to the Duxbury Pier Lighthouse and east of a line drawn to the northern tip of Long Beach."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Daniel J. McKiernan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

Daniel J. McKiernan, Director
MA Division of Marine Fisheries

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