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Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that the shellfish growing areas CCB45 and CCB47 in the towns of Plymouth and Duxbury, closed at 9:00am on October 14, 2025 due to heavy rain, now meet the National Shellfish Sanitation Program guidelines for an "Open to Shellfishing" status.

Therefore, under the authority of MGL Chapter 130, Sections 74A and 322 CMR 7.01 (7) the below-defined areas will revert to their former status prior to the closure issued on October 14, 2025, or in the case of CONDITIONALLY APPROVED areas, acquire the status dictated by its Conditional Area Management Plan criteria, and local rules and regulations under authority of MGL Chapter 130, section 52, effective as of **sunrise on Saturday, October 18, 2025.**

Areas classified as "PROHIBITED" shall remain closed to the harvest of all shellfish for direct human consumption.

STATUS: OPEN TO THE TAKING OF SHELLFISH

Subject to conditional area management plan criteria where applicable

CCB45

Duxbury Bay

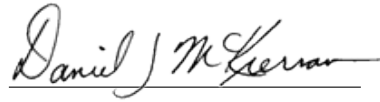
"The waters, flats and all tributaries of Duxbury Bay in the Towns of Duxbury and Plymouth, northerly of a line drawn from Goose Point in the Town of Duxbury to Saquish Head in the Town of Plymouth; southerly of a line drawn across the mouths of the Bluefish River and Back River in the Town of Duxbury."

CCB47
Back River

“The waters, flats and all tributaries of the Back River in the Town of Duxbury, north of a line drawn across the mouth of the river at the Powder Point Bridge.”

Individual shellfish growing area definition boundaries are mapped on the Division’s website at [Shellfish classification areas | Mass.gov](#).

Sincerely,



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