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October 17, 2025

Town of Fairhaven Selectboard
Town Hall
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Ladies & Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that a portion of the shellfish growing area Nasketucket Bay, North Cove (BB21.20) in the Town of Fairhaven, no longer meets the established criteria for a status of "Open to Shellfishing" due to the relay of contaminated quahogs from the Taunton River to North Cove (Permit # 187171). The status of this area will be **"Closed to Shellfishing" as of sunrise on Saturday, October 18, 2025.**

Therefore, the Division of Marine Fisheries has changed the status of the below defined area to "Closed to Shellfishing" to prohibit the taking of shellfish until subsequent determination by this office reveals that the shellfish are safe for human consumption.

Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A, 75, and 322 CMR 7.01 (7), digging, harvesting, or collecting and/or attempting to dig, harvest, collect or the possession of shellfish from the below defined area is prohibited.

CLASSIFICATION: APPROVED
SHELLFISH TRANSPLANT CLOSURE
Status: Closed To Shellfishing

BB21.20
North Cove

"The waters and flats of that portion of North Cove south of a line drawn from Cedar Point (41.60509°, -70.83614°) to North Point (41.60649°, -70.83186°)."

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Daniel J. McKiernan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Daniel J. McKiernan, Director
MA Division of Marine Fisheries

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