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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 closed the shellfish areas listed below as a result of excessive rainfall from the Bomb Cyclone event on October 26th and 27th, 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 4 P.M. on Wednesday, October 27, 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 may be harvested during the closure or removed from the site for culling.

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 Except conch and scallop abductor muscle**

“The waters, flats and all tributaries of SC15, SC16, SC17 and SC19.”

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
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