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Members of the Select Board:

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that the shellfish growing area Cohasset Harbor (MB10) in the Towns of Scituate and Cohasset, which 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 areas will revert to their former status prior to the closure issued on September 25, 2026, 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. This opening will be effective at **3:45 p.m. on Friday, October 9, 2026.**

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

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

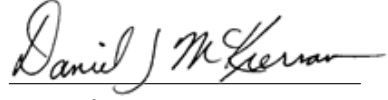
Subject to conditional area management plan criteria where applicable

**MB10
Cohasset Harbor**

The waters, flats and all tributaries of Cohasset Harbor in the Towns of Cohasset and Scituate, southerly of a line drawn across the mouth of the Outer Harbor from the northwestern-most point of Scituate Neck in the Town of Scituate to Quarry Point in the Town of Cohasset.

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

Sincerely,

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

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