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The Honorable Selectboards of the following Commonwealth of Massachusetts coastal municipalities: Wellfleet, Truro, and Provincetown.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In accordance with Chapter 130, section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that the following Cape Cod Bay shellfish growing areas: CCB3, 6, 7, 8, and 12 in the towns of Wellfleet, Truro, and Provincetown, closed on November 7, 2026, due to heavy rain, now meet the National Shellfish Sanitation Program guidelines for an "Open to Shellfishing" status.

Therefore, the areas identified below will revert to their former status prior to the closure issued on November 7, 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 sunrise on November 20, 2026.**

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

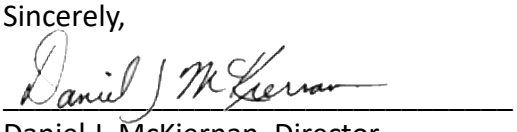
Under authority of 322 CMR 7.01(7) all permits issued thereunder are hereby conditioned to permit the taking, selling or possession of shellfish from the area listed below.

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

The waters, flats and all tributaries of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts within the Cape Cod Bay shellfish growing areas of CCB3, 6, 7, 8, and 12 in the towns of Wellfleet, Truro, and Provincetown.

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

Sincerely,



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