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Town of Plymouth Selectboard
Town Hall
Plymouth, MA 02362

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that the shellfish growing area CCB39 (Plymouth South Coastal) in the Town of Plymouth, no longer meets the established criteria for a status of "Open to Shellfishing" due to heavy rainfall and flooding related to the storm event on November 6 and 7, 2026.

The status of CCB39 shall be changed to "Closed to Shellfishing" for all bivalve shellfish except for bay scallop harvest for the adductor muscle only. This closure will be effective as of 3:00 p.m. on November 7, 2026, until further notification is made by the Division of Marine Fisheries.

Under the authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 130, Section 74A, the status of the below-defined area shall be changed to "Closed to Shellfishing." Digging, harvesting or collecting and/or attempting to dig, harvest or collect shellfish, and the possession of shellfish from the below areas is prohibited until further notice.

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

STATUS: CLOSED TO THE TAKING OF ALL SHELLFISH
Except for harvest of bay scallops for adductor muscle only

CCB39
Plymouth South Coastal

> "The waters and flats of that portion of Cape Cod Bay in the Town of Plymouth, northerly of a line drawn along the Plymouth/Bourne Town Line to the Plymouth County Line; southerly of a line drawn due east from Manomet Point to the Plymouth County Line; and westerly of the Plymouth County Line."

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

Sincerely,



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