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The Honorable Selectboards and Mayor of the following Commonwealth of Massachusetts coastal municipalities: Westport, Dartmouth, New Bedford, Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett, Wareham, Bourne, Sandwich, Gosnold, Falmouth, Mashpee, Barnstable, Yarmouth, Eastham, Wellfleet, Truro and Provincetown.

Ladies & Gentlemen,

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that shellfish growing areas SC1-28, E1-12, BB1-58, CCB1-8, CCB10-14 and CCB35-38 in the towns of Westport, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett, Wareham, Bourne, Sandwich, Gosnold, Falmouth, Mashpee, Barnstable, Yarmouth, Eastham, Wellfleet, Truro, Provincetown and the City of New Bedford no longer meet 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 SC1-28, E1-12, BB1-58, CCB1-14 and CCB35-38 shall be changed to "**Closed to Shellfishing**" for all bivalve shellfish except for bay scallop harvest for the adductor muscle only. These closures will be **effective at 10:00 am on 11/7/2026** 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 areas identified below 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 AS LISTED BELOW
Except for harvest of bay scallops for adductor muscle only

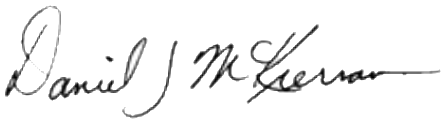
The waters, flats and all tributaries of the following Shellfish Growing Areas: SC1-28, E1-12, BB1-58, CCB1-8, CCB10-14 and CCB35-38 in the towns of Westport, Dartmouth, Fairhaven, Marion, Mattapoisett, Wareham, Bourne, Sandwich,

Gosnold, Falmouth, Mashpee, Barnstable, Yarmouth, Eastham, Wellfleet, Truro, Provincetown and the City of New Bedford.

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

These shellfish growing areas shall remain in the "**Closed to Shellfishing**" status until examined by the Division and notification is made that the areas have been placed in the open status.

Sincerely,



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