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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 determined that the below-defined shellfish growing areas in the Cities of Quincy and Boston and the Towns of Winthrop, Weymouth, Hull, and Hingham shall remain closed to the harvest of shellfish in response to multiple sanitary sewer discharges in the City of Boston and Towns of Braintree and Hingham. These discharges are related to the heavy rain and snow melt that occurred on January 9, 2024, through January 10, 2024, and again on January 13, 2024. All sanitary sewer discharges ceased on January 14, 2024.

Therefore, under authority of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 130, Section 74A and 322 CMR section 7.01 (7), the status of the below-defined areas has been 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-defined area is prohibited.

CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY RESTRICTED
STATUS: CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING

"All areas in Boston Harbor west of a line drawn from Deer Island Point to Boston Light on Little Brewster Island to Point Allerton in Hull."

The previously defined areas shall remain in the closed status until February 5, 2024, at a minimum, and the status will not automatically revert to "Open to Shellfishing" until examined by the Division and notification is made that the areas have been placed in the open status.

Sincerely,



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