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January 17, 2024

Ipswich Select Board
Ipswich Town Hall
25 Green Street
Ipswich, MA 01938

Dear Ipswich Select Board:

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has extended the closure of N5 "Ipswich River", N6 "Cranes Beach", and a portion of N4 "Plum Island Sound" in the Town of Ipswich beginning on January 11, 2024, due to wastewater discharge. An additional wastewater discharge caused by heavy rain was discovered January 13, 2024, at approximately 9:30 a.m. and ended at approximately 8:15 p.m. January 13, 2024.

Therefore, the below defined **CONDITIONALLY APPROVED** and **APPROVED** classification areas are closed to the harvest of shellfish for direct human consumption. 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 APPROVED
STATUS: CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING

Portion of N4 Plum Island Sound

"The waters, flats and tributaries of Plum Island Sound in the Town of Ipswich, south of a line drawn from the foot of Quay Road near the Ipswich Bay Yacht Club (42.708488, -70.796875) northwest to the westernmost point of Ipswich Bluff (42.710355, -70.789126)"

CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED
STATUS: CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING

N5 Ipswich River

"The waters, flats and tributaries of the Ipswich River in the Town of Ipswich."

CLASSIFICATION: APPROVED
STATUS: CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING

N6 Cranes Beach

“The waters and flats of Cranes Beach in the Town of Ipswich.”

This shellfish growing area shall remain in the “Closed to Shellfishing” status until Sunday February 4, 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 area has been placed in the open status.

Sincerely,



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Director

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