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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 Scituate South Coastal (MB4), North River (MB5), and South River (MB6) in the Towns of Marshfield and Scituate shall be closed to the harvest of shellfish in response to a Rockland sewer discharge event ending January 18, 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 APPROVED

Status: Closed to Shellfishing

MB5

North River

"The waters, flats and all tributaries of the North River in the Towns of Scituate and Marshfield, westerly of a line drawn across the mouth of North River from the northernmost tip of Fourth Cliff to the eastern end of Collier Road in the Rivermoor section of the Town of Scituate; and northerly of a line drawn from the northernmost tip of Fourth Cliff to the south side of the entrance to Macomber Creek in the Town of Marshfield."

CLASSIFICATION: CONDITIONALLY APPROVED

Status: Closed to Shellfishing

MB6**South River**

“The waters, flats and all tributaries of the South River in the Towns of Scituate and Marshfield, southerly of a line drawn across the mouth of South River from the northernmost tip of Fourth Cliff to the south side of the entrance to Macomber Creek in the Town of Marshfield.”

CLASSIFICATION: APPROVED

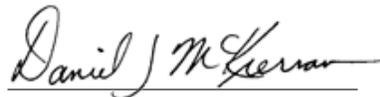
Status: Closed to Shellfishing

MB4**Scituate South Coastal**

“The waters and flats of that portion of Massachusetts Bay in the Town of Scituate, north of a line drawn due east from the Scituate/Marshfield Town Marker to the Plymouth County Line; south of a line drawn due east from the northernmost tip of First Cliff to the Plymouth County Line; easterly of a line drawn across the entrance of the New Inlet to the North and South Rivers; and westerly of the Plymouth County Line.”

The previously defined areas MB4 (Scituate South Coastal), MB5 (North River) and MB6 (South River) shall remain in the closed status until Friday February 9 2024, at a minimum, and 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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