



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## Division of Marine Fisheries

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December 15, 2023

Town of Mattapoisett Selectboard  
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Mattapoisett, MA 02739

Town of Marion Selectboard  
Town Hall  
Marion, MA 02738

Ladies & Gentlemen,

In accordance with Chapter 130, Section 74A of Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that Aucoot Cove (BB31.0), in the Towns of Mattapoisett and Marion, no longer meet the established criteria for a status of "Open to Shellfishing" due to a discharge at the Marion Wastewater Treatment Facility on Tuesday December 12, 2023. The status of the below defined area shall be changed to "**Closed to Shellfishing**" effective immediately, for 21 days or 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 areas 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 defined area 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 below defined area.

CLASSIFICATION: APPROVED

**Status: Closed to Shellfishing**

### **BB31.0**

#### **Aucoot Cove**

"The waters and flats of Aucoot Cove in the Towns of Mattapoisett and Marion, north of a line drawn from Joes Point in the Town of Mattapoisett to Converse Point in the Town of Marion with the exception of BB31.1."

The “APPROVED” area shall remain in the “**Closed to Shellfishing**” status and will not automatically revert to “Open to Shellfishing” January 3, 2024, but will remain closed until examined by the Division and notification is made that the areas have been placed in the open status.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Daniel J. McKiernan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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Daniel J. McKiernan, Director  
MA Division of Marine Fisheries

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